CITY OF RIVERSIDE

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023





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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the City of Riverside, Montgomery County, prepared by Julian & Grube, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The City of Riverside is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

September 27, 2024



CITY OF RIVERSIDE MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO

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Independent Auditor's Report

City of Riverside Montgomery County 5200 Springfield Street, Suite 100 Riverside, Ohio 45431

To the Members of the City Council and Mayor:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Riverside, Montgomery County, Ohio, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Riverside's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Riverside, as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General Fund, Fire Fund, Street/Public Service Fund, Police Fund, and the Fire/EMS and Police Income Tax Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the City of Riverside and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City of Riverside's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

City of Riverside Montgomery County Independent Auditor's Report

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 City of Riverside's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City of Riverside's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, schedules of net pension and other postemployment benefit assets and liabilities and pension and other postemployment benefit contributions listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

City of Riverside Montgomery County Independent Auditor's Report

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated June 24, 2024 on our consideration of the City of Riverside'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 solely 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 the effectiveness of the City of Riverside's 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 City of Riverside's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Julian & Grube, Inc.

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June 24, 2024

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

The management's discussion and analysis of the City of Riverside's (the "City") financial performance provides an overall review of the City's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2023. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the City's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the City's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2023 are as follows:

- The total net position of the City increased \$6,374,028 or 43.96% from 2022's net position.
- ➤ General revenues accounted for \$14,668,708 or 62.07% of total governmental activities revenue. Program specific revenues accounted for \$8,964,441 or 37.93% of total governmental activities revenue.
- The City had \$17,259,121 in expenses related to governmental activities; \$8,964,441 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. The remaining expenses of the governmental activities were offset by general revenues (primarily miscellaneous revenues, property taxes, payments in lieu of taxes, income taxes and unrestricted grants and entitlements) of \$14,668,708.
- The general fund had revenues and other financing sources of \$11,911,994 in 2023. The expenditures and other financing uses of the general fund totaled \$10,145,104 in 2023. The net increase in fund balance for the general fund was \$1,766,890 or 32.87%.
- The fire fund had revenues and other financing sources of \$4,067,376 in 2023. The expenditures of the fire fund totaled \$3,625,864 in 2023. The net increase in fund balance for the fire fund was \$441,512 or 39.76%.
- The street/public service fund had revenues and other financing sources of \$4,599,819 in 2023. The expenditures and other financing uses of the street/public service fund totaled \$4,134,379 in 2023. The net increase in fund balance for the street/public service fund was \$465,440 or 41.31%.
- The police fund had revenues and other financing sources of \$5,397,379 in 2023. The expenditures of the police fund totaled \$4,685,306 in 2023. The net increase in fund balance for the police fund was \$712,073 or 116.14%.
- The fire/EMS and police income tax fund had revenues of \$6,158,462 in 2023. The expenditures and other financing uses of fire/EMS and police income tax fund totaled \$6,129,213 in 2023. The net increase in fund balance for the fire/EMS and police income tax fund was \$29,249 or 6.13%.
- ➤ In the general fund, the actual revenues and other financing sources of \$6,848,247 were greater than the final budget of \$6,492,101. Actual expenditures and other financing uses of \$5,878,235 were less than the amount in the final budget of \$6,331,499. Budgeted revenues increased \$1,763,955 from the original to the final budget while budgeted expenditures and other financing uses increased \$1,245,142.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Using this Annual Financial Report

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to these statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the City as a financial whole, an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

The statement of net position and statement of activities provide information about the activities of the City as a whole, presenting both an aggregate view of the City's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the City's most significant funds with all other nonmajor funds presented in total in one column.

Reporting the City as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

While this document contains a large number of funds used by the City to provide programs and activities, the view of the City as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did the City perform financially during 2023?" The statement of net position and the statement of activities answer this question. These statements include all assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, deferred inflows, revenues and expenses using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting will take into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the City's net position and changes in net position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the City as a whole, the financial position of the City has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the City's property tax base, current property tax laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, facility conditions, required community programs and other factors.

In the statement of net position and the statement of activities, the governmental activities include the City's programs and services, including general administration, police and fire protection, street maintenance, economic development and capital improvements. These services are funded primarily by property and municipal income taxes, revenue in lieu of taxes, and intergovernmental revenues including federal and state grants and other shared revenues.

Reporting the City's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The City, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the City's major funds. The City uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the City's most significant funds.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Because the focus of the governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, the readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The City maintains a multitude of individual governmental funds. The City has segregated these funds into major funds and nonmajor funds. The City's major governmental funds are the general fund, fire fund, street/public service fund, police fund, and fire/EMS and police income tax fund. Information for major funds is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances. Data from the other governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the City's net pension/OPEB assets and liabilities.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

The table below provides a summary of the City's assets, deferred inflows of resources, liabilities, deferred outflows of resources and net position at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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	Governmental	Governmental			
	Activities	Activities			
	2023	2022			
<u>Assets</u>					
Current and other assets	\$ 25,384,346	\$ 21,849,988			
Capital assets, net	28,880,664	25,579,754			
Total assets	54,265,010	47,429,742			
<u>Deferred outflows of resources</u>	6,679,221	4,585,589			
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Current liabilities	2,885,901	2,781,392			
Long-term liabilities					
Net pension liability	16,735,822	10,450,655			
Net OPEB liability	1,092,279	1,678,394			
Other long-term liabilities	13,529,885	13,644,810			
Total liabilities	34,243,887	28,555,251			
<u>Deferred inflows of resources</u>	5,826,136	8,959,900			
Net position					
Net investment in capital assets	16,343,091	12,576,422			
Restricted	5,540,881	4,662,803			
Unrestricted (deficit)	(1,009,764)	(2,739,045)			
Total net position	\$ 20,874,208	\$ 14,500,180			

The net pension liability/asset is reported pursuant to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement 27." The net other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liability is reported pursuant to GASB Statement 75, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions." For reasons discussed below, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the City's actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and OPEB, the net pension liability, and the net OPEB liability to the reported net position and subtracting deferred outflows related to pension and OPEB and the net pension asset.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board standards are national and apply to all government financial reports prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Prior accounting for pensions (GASB 27) and postemployment benefits (GASB 45) focused on a funding approach. This approach limited pension and OPEB costs to contributions annually required by law, which may or may not be sufficient to fully fund each plan's net pension liability/asset or net OPEB liability. GASB 68 and GASB 75 take an earnings approach to pension and OPEB accounting; however, the nature of Ohio's statewide pension/OPEB plans and state law governing those systems requires additional explanation in order to properly understand the information presented in these statements.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

GASB 68 and GASB 75 require the net pension liability/asset and the net OPEB liability to equal the City's proportionate share of each plan's collective:

- 1. Present value of estimated future pension/OPEB benefits attributable to active and inactive employees' past service.
- 2. Minus plan assets available to pay these benefits.

GASB notes that pension and OPEB obligations, whether funded or unfunded, are part of the "employment exchange" – that is, the employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension and other postemployment benefits. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this promise is a present obligation of the government, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee, and should accordingly be reported by the government as a liability since they received the benefit of the exchange. However, the City is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance of these liabilities. In Ohio, the employee shares the obligation of funding pension benefits with the employer. Both employer and employee contribution rates are capped by State statute. A change in these caps requires action of both Houses of the General Assembly and approval of the Governor. Benefit provisions are also determined by State statute. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require, the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

The employee enters the employment exchange with the knowledge that the employer's promise is limited not by contract but by law. The employer enters the exchange also knowing that there is a specific, legal limit to its contribution to the retirement system. In Ohio, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension/OPEB plan *as against the public employer*. State law operates to mitigate/lessen the moral obligation of the public employer to the employee, because all parties enter the employment exchange with notice as to the law. The retirement system is responsible for the administration of the pension and OPEB plans.

Most long-term liabilities have set repayment schedules or, in the case of compensated absences (i.e. sick and vacation leave), are satisfied through paid time-off or termination payments. There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability or the net OPEB liability. As explained above, changes in benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of these liabilities but are outside the control of the local government. In the event that contributions, investment returns, and other changes are insufficient to keep up with required payments, State statute does not assign/identify the responsible party for the unfunded portion. Due to the unique nature of how the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability are satisfied, these liabilities are separately identified within the long-term liability section of the statement of net position.

In accordance with GASB 68 and GASB 75, the City's statements prepared on an accrual basis of accounting include an annual pension expense and an annual OPEB expense for their proportionate share of each plan's *change* in net pension liability/asset and net OPEB liability, respectively, not accounted for as deferred inflows/outflows.

Over time, net position can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At December 31, 2023, the City's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$20,874,208.

Capital assets reported on the government-wide statements represent the largest portion of the City's net position. At year-end, capital assets represented 53.22% of total assets. Capital assets include land, construction in progress, land improvements, buildings and improvements, equipment, vehicles, infrastructure and the intangible right to use leased equipment. The net investment in capital assets at December 31, 2023, was \$16,343,091 in the governmental activities. These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens and are not available for future spending.

Although the City's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources to repay the debt must be provided from other sources, since capital assets may not be used to liquidate these liabilities.

A portion of the City's net position, \$5,540,881, represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they may be used. In the governmental activities, the remaining balance is a deficit unrestricted net position of \$1,009,764.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

The following table shows the changes in net position for 2023 and 2022.

Change in Net Position

	Governmental			
	Activities			
		2023		2022
Revenues				
Program revenues:				
Charges for services	\$	2,860,912	\$	2,253,426
Operating grants and contributions		2,636,597		3,034,422
Capital grants and contributions		3,466,932		1,300,424
Total program revenues		8,964,441		6,588,272
General revenues:				
Property taxes		2,051,320		1,924,060
Income taxes		10,158,405		9,657,446
Other local taxes		316,523		316,592
Revenue in lieu of taxes		191,129		185,860
Unrestricted grants and entitlements		1,017,400		896,797
Investment earnings		244,885		109,476
Miscellaneous		689,046		197,961
Total general revenues		14,668,708		13,288,192
Total revenues		23,633,149		19,876,464
Expenses				
General government		3,151,885		2,473,873
Security of persons and property		9,867,623		8,454,454
Public health and welfare		7,498		9,622
Leisure time activities		69,946		79,400
Community and economic development		558,316		656,785
Transportation		3,103,543		4,739,435
Interest and fiscal charges		500,310		343,884
Bond issuance costs				55,956
Total expenses		17,259,121		16,813,409
Change in net position		6,374,028		3,063,055
Net position at beginning of year		14,500,180		11,437,125
Net position at end of year	\$	20,874,208	\$	14,500,180

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Governmental Activities

Expenses increased due to inflation and more maintenance being done on the City's roadways.

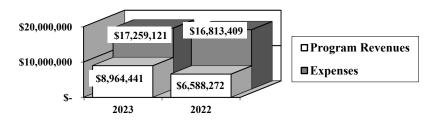
Security of persons and property, which primarily supports the operations of the police and fire departments accounted for \$9,867,623 of the total expenses of the City. These expenses were partially funded by \$1,869,576 in direct charges to users of the services and \$573,217 in operating grants and contributions. Transportation expenses totaled \$3,103,543. Transportation expenses were primarily funded by \$1,664,010 in operating grants and contributions and \$3,466,932 in capital grants and contributions.

During 2023, the local state and federal government contributed to the City a total of \$2,636,597 in operating grants. These revenues are restricted to a particular program or purpose. Of the total operating grants and contributions, \$1,644,010 subsidized transportation programs and \$573,217 subsidized security of persons and property programs.

General revenues totaled \$14,668,708 and amounted to 62.07% of total governmental revenues in 2023. These revenues primarily consist of property and income tax revenue of \$12,209,725. The other primary source of general revenues is unrestricted grants and entitlements, making up \$1,017,400. Overall revenues increased because of an increase in the City's income taxes and due to the City receiving more in capital grants in 2023 than in 2022.

The statement of activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. The following table shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State grants and entitlements. As can be seen in the graph below, the City is highly dependent upon property and municipal income taxes as well as miscellaneous revenues.

Governmental Activities - Program Revenues vs. Total Expenses



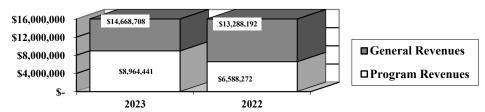
Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services 2023		Net Cost of Services 2023		Services		Services Services				et Cost of Services 2022
Program expenses:											
General government	\$	3,151,885	\$	1,886,375	\$	2,473,873	\$ 1,486,423				
Security of persons and property		9,867,623		7,424,830		8,454,454	7,047,510				
Public health and welfare		7,498		7,498		9,622	8,722				
Leisure time activities		69,946		69,946		79,400	79,400				
Community and economic development		558,316		435,062		656,785	81,789				
Transportation		3,103,543		(2,029,341)		4,739,435	1,121,453				
Interest and fiscal charges		500,310		500,310		343,884	343,884				
Bond issuance costs		<u>-</u>				55,956	 55,956				
Total	\$	17,259,121	\$	8,294,680	\$	16,813,409	\$ 10,225,137				

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

The dependence upon general revenues for governmental activities is apparent, with 48.06% of expenses supported through taxes and other general revenues for 2023.

Governmental Activities - General and Program Revenues



Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the City uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds

The focus of the City's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the City's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the City's net resources available for spending at year-end.

The City's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$14,716,228 which is \$3,492,853 greater than last year's total of \$11,223,375. The schedule on the following page indicates the fund balances and the total change in fund balances as of December 31, 2023, and December 31, 2022 for all major and nonmajor governmental funds.

	Fu	nd Balances	Fui	nd Balances		
	12/31/23		12/31/22		Increase	
Major funds:						
General	\$	7,142,500	\$	5,375,610	\$	1,766,890
Fire		1,551,829		1,110,317		441,512
Street/public service		1,592,088		1,126,648		465,440
Police		1,325,185		613,112		712,073
Fire/EMS and police income tax		506,142		476,893		29,249
Other nonmajor governmental funds	_	2,598,484		2,520,795		77,689
Total	\$	14,716,228	\$	11,223,375	\$	3,492,853

General Fund

The City's general fund balance increased \$1,766,890. The table that follows assists in illustrating the revenues of the general fund.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

		2023 202		2022	Percentage	е
	_	Amount	Amount		Change	_
Revenues						
Taxes	\$	4,562,528	\$	4,054,938	12.52	%
Rent		569,605		566,315	0.58	%
Intergovernmental		1,206,670		526,084	129.37	%
Investment income		237,206		111,690	112.38	%
Other		770,985		413,211	86.58	%
Total	<u>\$</u>	7,346,994	\$	5,672,238	29.53	%

Tax revenue represents 62.10% of all general fund revenues and increased 12.52% related to an increase in income tax revenue in 2023. In 2023, the City's voters increased the police and fire income tax. Since the rate of income tax in the general fund did not change, but the credit decreased, the income tax revenue in the general fund was more than in 2022. Intergovernmental revenues increased 129.37% primarily due to the City receiving more funds from the state in 2023 compared to 2022. Investment income increased 112.38% as a result of an increase in investment and interest rates. All other amounts remained comparable to 2022.

The table that follows assists in illustrating the expenditures of the general fund.

	2023		2022		Percentage	
	_	Amount		Amount	Change	
Expenditures						
General government	\$	2,591,733	\$	2,043,579	26.82 %	
Leisure time activities		39,447		50,192	(21.41) %	
Community and economic development		459,812		457,209	0.57 %	
Capital outlay		4,935		229,426	(97.85) %	
Debt service		4,840,198	_	4,928,011	(1.78) %	
Total	\$	7,936,125	\$	7,708,417	2.95 %	

The total general fund expenditures of the City increased 2.95%. The most significant changes occurred in the general government and capital outlay line items. General government increased 26.82% due to an increase in pension and OPEB spending. Capital outlay decreased by 97.85% due to the City spending less on construction projects. Debt service expenditures decreased 1.78% primarily due to a decrease in bond anticipation note activity in 2023.

Fire Fund

The City's fire fund had revenues and other financing sources of \$4,067,376 in 2023. The expenditures of the fire fund totaled \$3,625,864 in 2023. The net increase in fund balance for the fire fund was \$441,512 or 39.76%.

Street/Public Service Fund

The City's street/public service fund had revenues and other financing sources of \$4,599,819 in 2023. The expenditures and other financing uses of the street/public service fund totaled \$4,134,379 in 2023. The net increase in fund balance for the street/public service fund was \$465,440 or 41.31%.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Police Fund

The City's police fund had revenues and other financing sources of \$5,397,379 in 2023. The expenditures of the police fund totaled \$4,685,306 in 2023. The net increase in fund balance for the police fund was \$712,073 or 116.14%.

Fire/EMS and Police Income Tax Fund

The City's fire/EMS and police income tax fund had revenues of \$6,158,462 in 2023. The expenditures and other financing uses of fire/EMS and police income tax fund totaled \$6,129,213 in 2023. The net increase in fund balance for the fire/EMS and police income tax fund was \$29,249 or 6.13%.

Budgeting Highlights

The City's budgeting process is prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). Essentially the budget is the City's appropriations which are restricted by the amounts of anticipated revenues certified by the Budget Commission in accordance with the ORC. Therefore, the City's plans or desires cannot be totally reflected in the original budget. If budgeted revenues are adjusted due to actual activity then the appropriations can be adjusted accordingly.

➤ Budgetary information is presented for the general fund. In the general fund, the actual revenues and other financing sources of \$6,848,247 were greater than the final budget of \$6,492,101. Actual expenditures and other financing uses of \$5,878,235 were less than the amount in the final budget of \$6,331,499. Budgeted revenues and other financing sources increased \$1,763,955 from the original to the final budget while budgeted expenditures and other financing uses increased \$1,245,142.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of 2023, the City had \$28,880,664 (net of accumulated depreciation) invested in land, construction in progress, land improvements, buildings and improvements, machinery and equipment, vehicles and infrastructure.

The following table shows 2023 balances compared to 2022:

Capital Assets at December 31 (Net of Depreciation)

		Governmental Activities				
	2023			2022		
Land	\$	3,154,350	\$	3,154,350		
Construction in progress	Ψ	2,946,182	4	3,305,852		
Land improvements		428,162		468,474		
Buildings and improvements		3,462,564		3,587,506		
Machinery and equipment		1,896,365		1,855,730		
Vehicles		1,447,856		1,542,391		
Intangible right to use assets		121,569		70,699		
Infrastructure		15,423,616		11,594,752		
Totals	\$	28,880,664	\$	25,579,754		

The City's largest capital asset category is infrastructure. The net book value of the City's infrastructure (cost less accumulated depreciation) represents approximately 53.40% of the City's total governmental capital assets. See Note 9 to the basic financial statements for detail on capital assets.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Debt Administration

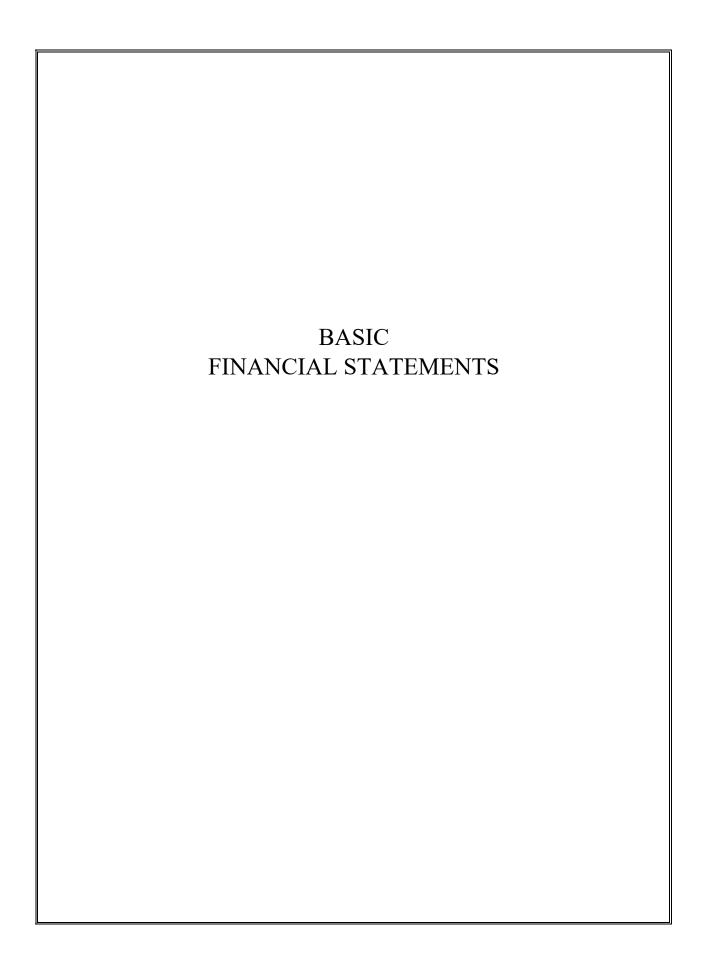
The City had the following long-term obligations in outstanding at December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	Governmental Activities				
		2023		2022	
General obligation bonds	\$	2,515,000	\$	2,650,000	
OPWC loans		1,598,752		969,482	
OWDA loan		9,190		10,441	
TIF loans		2,781,345		2,803,496	
Bond anticipation note		4,565,000		4,735,000	
Energy conservation financing		324,133		377,590	
Financed purchase agreements		783,097		1,167,187	
Leases payable		121,521		74,156	
Total long-term debt obligations	\$	12,698,038	\$	12,787,352	

See Note 11 to the basic financial statements for detail on long-term obligations.

Contacting the City's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the City's finances and to show the City's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Ms. Kim Baker, Finance Director, 5200 Springfield Street, Suite 100, Riverside, Ohio 45431.



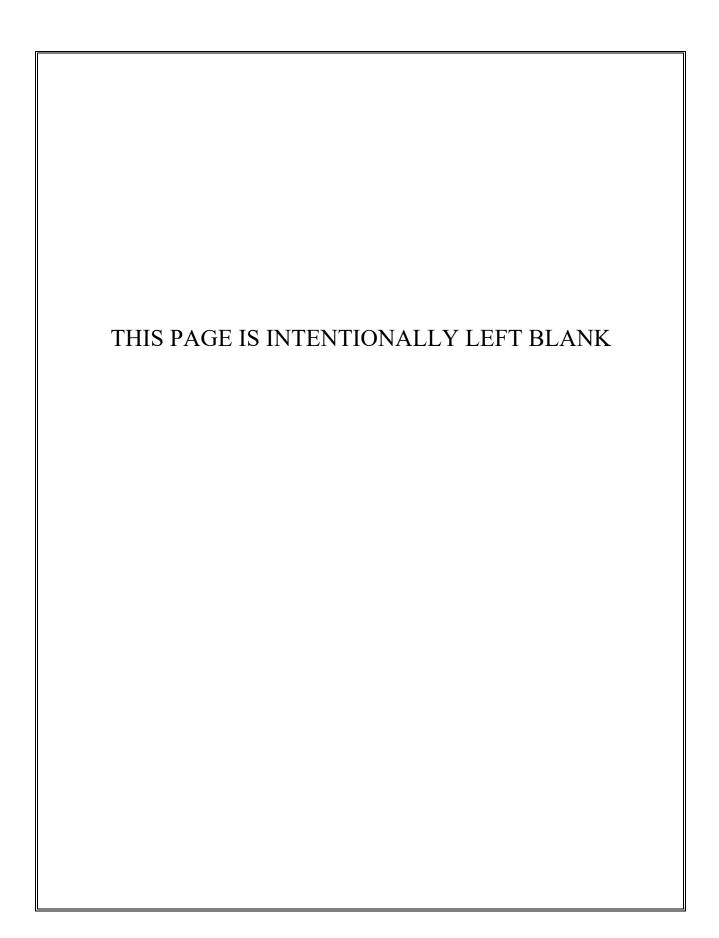
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2023

	G	overnmental Activities
Assets:		
Equity in pooled cash and investments	\$	15,344,821
Cash with fiscal agent		22,643
Receivables:		2 (10 202
Income taxes.		2,618,302
Property and other local taxes		2,222,369
Accounts.		1,044,091
Payments in lieu of taxes		191,128
Special assessments		957,996
Accrued interest		24,551
Due from other governments		1,444,138
Leases receivable		1,276,884
Materials and supplies inventory		83,625
Prepayments		127,313
Net pension asset		26,485
Capital assets:		
Land and construction in progress		6,100,532
Depreciable/amortizable capital assets, net		22,780,132
Total capital assets, net		28,880,664
Total assets		54,265,010
Deferred outflows of resources:		
Pension		5,743,131
OPEB		936,090
Total deferred outflows of resources	-	6,679,221
		0,077,221
Liabilities:		410.256
Accounts payable		410,256
Accrued wages payable		151,464
Due to other governments		537,199
Accrued interest payable		505,327
Payroll withholdings payable		72,302
Notes payable		170,000
Accrued vacation payable		220,861
Unearned revenue		818,492
Long-term liabilities:		
Due within one year		734,812
Due greater than one year:		
Net pension liability		16,735,822
Net OPEB liability		1,092,279
Other amounts due in more than one year		12,795,073
Total liabilities		34,243,887
Deferred inflows of resources:		
Property taxes and payments in lieu of taxes		
levied for the next fiscal year		2,299,040
Leases		1,157,171
Pension		1,204,602
OPEB		1,165,323
Total deferred inflows of resources		5,826,136
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets		16,343,091
Restricted for:		10,5 15,071
Capital projects		133,657
Transportation projects		2,496,818
Community development programs		64,135
Police and fire purposes		2,694,770
Other purposes.		151,501
Unrestricted (deficit)	-	(1,009,764)
Total net position	\$	20,874,208

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Net (Expense)

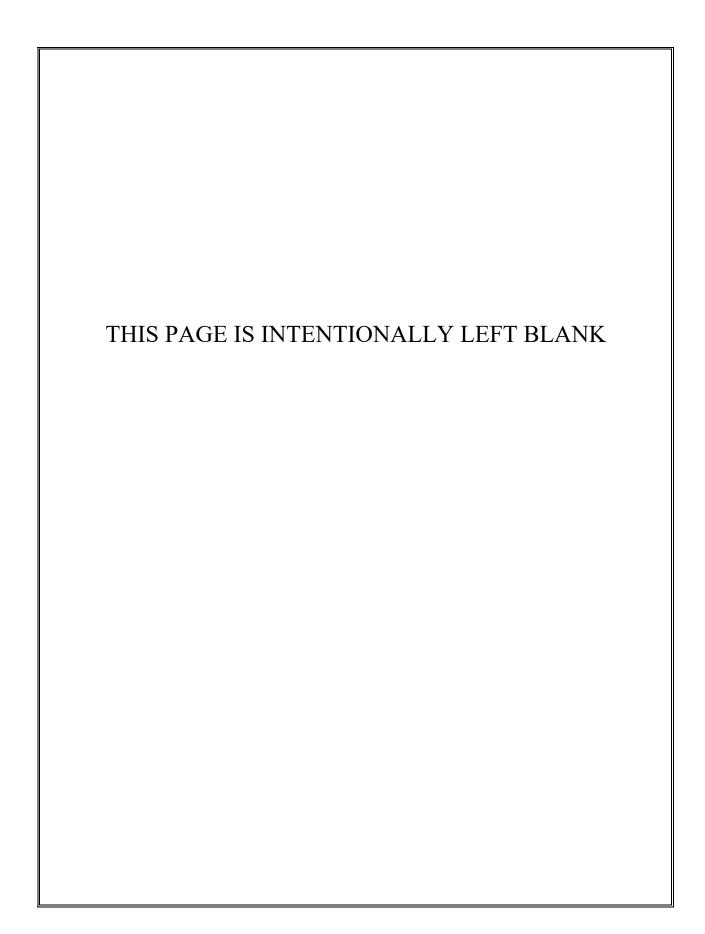
	Program Revenues Charges for Operating Grants Capital Grants Expenses Services and Sales and Contributions and Contributions					Revenue and Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities			
Governmental activities: General government	\$	3,151,885 9,867,623 7,498 3,103,543 558,316	\$	935,436 1,869,576 - 1,942 53,958	\$	330,074 573,217 - 1,664,010 69,296	\$ 3,466,932	\$	(1,886,375) (7,424,830) (7,498) 2,029,341 (435,062)
Leisure time activities		69,946 500,310					 -		(69,946) (500,310)
Total governmental activities	\$	17,259,121	\$	2,860,912	\$	2,636,597	\$ 3,466,932		(8,294,680)
			Pro I Ind Ot Pa Gr t	eral revenues: operty taxes levi General purpose Fire Police come taxes levie General purpose Police and fire . her local taxes. yments in lieu o rants and entitler o specific progra vestment earning iscellaneous	s	ot restricted			373,199 612,291 1,065,830 4,063,363 6,095,042 316,523 191,129 1,017,400 244,885 689,046
			Tota	l general revenu	ies				14,668,708
			Chai	nge in net position	on				6,374,028
			Net	position at begi	nning	of year			14,500,180
			Net	position at end	of year			\$	20,874,208



BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2023

Assets		General	eneral Fire		Pu	Street/ blic Service	Police		
Assets:		< 		4 = 22 22 =	•	4 0 6 0 0 0 6		4 =00 40=	
Equity in pooled cash and investments	\$	6,529,007	\$	1,722,237	\$	1,869,396	\$	1,789,687	
Cash with fiscal agent		-		-		-		-	
Receivables:		1 045 221							
Income taxes		1,047,321		-		-		-	
Property and other local taxes		508,297		514,731		-		1,199,341	
Accounts		678,595		365,496		-		-	
Payments in lieu of taxes		=		=		-		-	
Special assessments		-		=		20,368		-	
Interfund loans		420,000		=		-		-	
Accrued interest		24,551		-		-		-	
Due from other governments		422,254		158,840		628,250		100,215	
Leases receivable		1,276,884		-		-		-	
Materials and supplies inventory		-		-		83,625		-	
Prepayments	Ф.	33,915	Φ.	25,205	_	18,199	_	27,056	
Total assets	\$	10,940,824	\$	2,786,509	\$	2,619,838	\$	3,116,299	
Liabilities:									
Accounts payable	\$	110,408	\$	115,566	\$	24,570	\$	61,142	
Accrued wages payable		13,883		45,895		14,661		77,025	
Interfund loans payable		-		-		420,000		-	
Due to other governments		85,638		89,765		10,298		322,061	
Payroll withholdings payable		6,347		24,120		5,630		36,205	
Accrued interest payable		8,243		-		-		-	
Unearned revenue		-		-		-		-	
Notes payable		170,000						-	
Total liabilities		394,519		275,346		475,159		496,433	
Deferred inflows of resources:									
Property and other local taxes and payments in lieu									
of taxes levied for the next fiscal year		470,761		488,010		-		1,149,141	
Delinquent property tax revenue not available		24,083		26,721		-		50,200	
Accrued interest not available		10,733		-		-		· <u>-</u>	
Special assessments revenue not available		598,772		-		20,368		-	
Miscellaneous revenue not available		78,095		290,474		2,461		8,286	
Income tax revenue not available		678,609		-		-		· <u>-</u>	
Intergovernmental revenue not available		385,581		154,129		529,762		87,054	
Leases		1,157,171		-		· -			
Total deferred inflows of resources		3,403,805		959,334		552,591		1,294,681	
Fund balances:									
Nonspendable		33,915		25,205		101,824		27,056	
Restricted		33,913		1,526,624		1,490,264		1,298,129	
Committed				1,520,024		1,770,204		1,270,129	
Assigned		1,162,998		-		-		-	
Unassigned		5,945,587		-		-		-	
Total fund balances		7,142,500		1,551,829		1,592,088		1,325,185	
Total liabilities, deferred inflows		7,172,300		1,331,629		1,392,000		1,323,103	
of resources and fund balances	\$	10,940,824	\$	2,786,509	\$	2,619,838	\$	3,116,299	
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Fire/EMS and Police	Other Governmental	Total Governmental
Income Tax	Funds	Funds
¢.	Ф 2.424.404	Ф. 15 244 021
\$ -	\$ 3,434,494	\$ 15,344,821
-	22,643	22,643
1,570,981	-	2,618,302
-	-	2,222,369
-	-	1,044,091
-	191,128	191,128
=	937,628	957,996
=	-	420,000
=	=	24,551
=	134,579	1,444,138
-	-	1,276,884
-	-	83,625
_	138	104,513
\$ 1,570,981	\$ 4,720,610	\$ 25,755,061
\$ 46,926	\$ 51,644	\$ 410,256
-	-	151,464
-	-	420,000
-	29,437	537,199
-	-	72,302
-	-	8,243
-	818,492	818,492
		170,000
46,926	899,573	2,587,956
-	191,128	2,299,040
-	-	101,004
-	-	10,733
=	937,628	1,556,768
-	129	379,445
1,017,913	-	1,696,522
-	93,668	1,250,194
		1,157,171
1,017,913	1,222,553	8,450,877
-	138	188,138
506,142	1,669,974	6,491,133
-	209,930	209,930
-	718,442	1,881,440
		5,945,587
506,142	2,598,484	14,716,228
\$ 1,570,981	\$ 4,720,610	\$ 25,755,061



RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES DECEMBER 31, 2023

Total governmental fund balances		\$ 14,716,228
Amounts reported for governmental activities on the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		28,880,664
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred inflows of resources in the funds. Income taxes receivable Property and other local taxes and payments in lieu of taxes receivable Accounts receivable Intergovernmental receivable Special assessments receivable Accrued interest receivable Total	\$ 1,696,522 101,004 379,445 1,250,194 1,556,768 10,733	4,994,666
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding obligations, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due.		(497,084)
Prepaid bond insurance is not recorded as an asset in the funds, however, on the statement of net position it is report as an asset (prepayments) and amortized over the life of the bonds.		22,800
Unamortized premiums on bond issuances are not recognized in the funds.		(163,668)
Accrued vacation payable is not expected to be paid with expendable available financial resources and therefore is not reported in the funds.		(220,861)
The net pension asset and net pension liability are not available to pay for current period expenditures and are not due and payable in the current period, respectively; therefore, the asset, liability and related deferred inflows/outflows of resources are not reported in governmental funds. Net pension asset Deferred outflows of resources Net pension liability Deferred inflows of resources	26,485 5,743,131 (16,735,822) (1,204,602)	
Total The net OPEB liability is not available to pay for current period expenditures and is not due and payable in the current period, therefore, the liability and related deferred inflows/outflows of resources are not reported in governmental funds. Deferred outflows of resources Deferred inflows of resources Net OPEB liability	936,090 (1,165,323) (1,092,279)	(12,170,808)
Total Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period		(1,321,512)
and therefore are not reported in the funds. Compensated absences Financed purchase agreements and energy conservation financing Leases General obligation bonds Loans Notes	(668,179) (1,107,230) (121,521) (2,515,000) (4,389,287) (4,565,000)	
Total		 (13,366,217)
Net position of governmental activities		\$ 20,874,208

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	G					reet/	D. I'	
Revenues:	Gene	<u>ral</u>	Fire		Public	Service		Police
Income taxes	\$ 4.10	05,643	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_
Property and other local taxes	, ,	56,885	•	8,459	Ψ	_	Ψ	1,078,195
Charges for services		90,968		3,961		_		19,431
Licenses and permits		42,941	00.	-		2,440		375
Fines and forfeitures	_	6,799		_		-,		12,685
Intergovernmental	1.20	06,670	13	7,050	2	,482,406		289,642
Special assessments	1,2	-	10	-	_	140,335		200,0.2
Investment income.	23	37,206		_		-		_
Rental income		69,605		_		_		_
Contributions and donations.		200		5,000		_		250
Payments in lieu of taxes				-,		_		
Other	43	30,077	10-	4,826		20,153		61,238
Total revenues		46,994		9,296	2	,645,334		1,461,816
Expenditures: Current:								
General government	2,59	91,733		<u>-</u>		-		-
Security of persons and property		-	3,53	0,601		-		4,657,196
Public health and welfare		-		-		-		-
Transportation		-		-	1	,849,043		-
Community and economic development		59,812		-		-		-
Leisure time activities	3	39,447	0	-		-		-
Capital outlay		4,935	9.	5,263	2	,244,086		28,110
Debt service:	4.5	10.616						
Principal retirement.		48,646		-		-		-
Interest and fiscal charges		91,552	2.62	-		- 002 120		4 605 206
Total expenditures	7,95	36,125	3,62	5,864	4	,093,129		4,685,306
Excess (deficiency) of revenues								
over (under) expenditures	(58	89,131)	(1,89	6,568)	(1	,447,795)		(3,223,490)
Other financing sources (uses):								
Note issuance	4,50	65,000		-		-		-
Loan issuance		-		-		664,145		-
Lease transaction		-		-		-		-
Transfers in	(2.2)	-	2,33	8,080	I	,290,340		3,935,563
Transfers (out)		08,979)		-		(41,250)		-
Total other financing sources (uses)	2,35	56,021	2,33	8,080	1	,913,235		3,935,563
Net change in fund balances	1,76	66,890	44	1,512		465,440		712,073
Fund balances at								
beginning of year	5,37	75,610		0,317		,126,648		613,112
Fund balances at end of year	\$ 7,14	42,500	\$ 1,55	1,829	\$ 1	,592,088	\$	1,325,185

Fire/EMS and Police Income Tax	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ 6,158,462	\$ -	\$ 10,264,105
Ψ 0,130,102	230,684	2,384,223
_	250,001	974,360
_	_	245,756
_	141	19,625
_	1,241,140	5,356,908
_	205,253	345,588
_	283	237,489
_	3,300	572,905
-	-	5,450
-	191,129	191,129
-	75,543	691,837
6,158,462	1,947,473	21,289,375
-	265,811	2,857,544
194,010	251,317	8,633,124
-	7,498	7,498
-	148,869	1,997,912
-	71,739	531,551
-	-	39,447
-	906,314	3,278,708
=	642,998	5,391,644
	269,872	361,424
194,010	2,564,418	23,098,852
5,964,452	(616,945)	(1 200 477)
3,904,432	(010,943)	(1,809,477)
		4 565 000
-	-	4,565,000
-	73,185	664,145 73,185
-	621,449	8,185,432
(5,935,203)	021, 14 9	(8,185,432)
	604 624	
(5,935,203)	694,634	5,302,330
29,249	77,689	3,492,853
476,893	2,520,795	11,223,375
\$ 506,142	\$ 2,598,484	\$ 14,716,228

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds		\$ 3,492,853
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation/amortization expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeds depreciation/amortization expense in the current period. Capital asset additions Current year depreciation/amortization Total	\$ 5,130,477 (1,824,262)	3,306,215
The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, disposals, trade-ins, and donations) is to decrease net position.		(5,305)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		
Income taxes Delinquent property taxes Intergovernmental Special assessments Licenses and permits Investment income	(105,700) (16,380) 1,660 933,178 (5,947) 7,679	
Charges for services Total	 (87,080)	727,410
Proceeds of notes, loans and leases are reported as an other financing source in the governmental funds, however, in the statement of activities, they are not reported as revenues as they increase the liabilities on the statement of net position.		(5,302,330)
Repayment of principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities on the statement of net position.		5,391,644
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, notes, and loans, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due. Change in accrued interest payable Amortization of prepaid bond insurance Amortization of premiums Total	 (146,997) (1,309) 9,420	(138,886)
In the statement of activities, vacation leave is accrued when earned, whereas in governmental funds, an expenditure is reported when vacation leave is taken.		(33,029)
Contractually required pension/OPEB contributions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds; however, the statement of net position reports these amounts as deferred outflows of resources.		
Pension OPEB		1,116,868 22,600
Except for amounts reported as deferred inflows/outflows of resources, changes in the net pension asset/liability and net OPEB liability are reported as pension/OPEB expense in the statement of activities. Pension OPEB		(2,210,200) (10,003)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities, such as compensated absences, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not		
reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		 16,191
Change in net position of governmental activities		\$ 6,374,028

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS) GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	 Budgeted			Variance with Final Budget Positive		
	Original	Final		Actual	(Negative)	
Revenues:		 				
Income taxes	\$ 2,897,806	\$ 4,001,452	\$	4,085,730	\$	84,278
Property and other local taxes	337,914	455,151		455,151		-
Charges for services	67,536	90,968		90,968		-
Licenses and permits	180,896	243,657		243,657		-
Fines and forfeitures	5,047	6,799		6,799		-
Intergovernmental	492,200	674,204		706,598		32,394
Investment income	64,558	101,000		141,476		40,476
Contributions and donations	147	200		200		-
Other	 682,042	 918,670		918,669		(1)
Total revenues	4,728,146	6,492,101		6,649,248		157,147
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government	1,936,668	2,930,916		2,402,339		528,577
Community and economic development	535,647	541,888		520,074		21,814
Leisure time activities	38,142	58,410		40,908		17,502
Capital outlay	 	 4,935		4,935		
Total expenditures	 2,510,457	 3,536,149		2,968,256		567,893
Excess of revenues over expenditures	 2,217,689	 2,955,952		3,680,992		725,040
Other financing sources (uses):						
Advances in	-	-		198,999		198,999
Advances (out)	-	-		(470,000)		(470,000)
Transfers (out)	(2,575,900)	(2,795,350)		(2,439,979)		355,371
Total other financing sources (uses)	(2,575,900)	(2,795,350)		(2,710,980)		84,370
Net change in fund balances	(358,211)	160,602		970,012		809,410
Fund balance at beginning of year	3,923,698	3,923,698		3,923,698		-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	 241,205	 241,205		241,205		_
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 3,806,692	\$ 4,325,505	\$	5,134,915	\$	809,410

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS) FIRE FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts							iance with al Budget Positive
		Original	Final			Actual	(Negative)	
Revenues:								
Property and other local taxes	\$	550,451	\$	618,459	\$	618,459	\$	-
Charges for services		760,819		784,000		854,817		70,817
Intergovernmental		121,980		137,050		137,050		-
Contributions and donations		4,450		5,000		5,000		-
Other		93,299		102,589		104,826		2,237
Total revenues		1,530,999		1,647,098		1,720,152		73,054
Expenditures:								
Current:								
Security of persons and property		3,838,406		4,388,427		4,001,039		387,388
Capital outlay		-		65,759		65,759		-
Total expenditures		3,838,406		4,454,186		4,066,798		387,388
Excess of expenditures over revenues		(2,307,407)		(2,807,088)		(2,346,646)		460,442
Other financing sources:								
Transfers in		2,080,978		2,216,523		2,338,080		121,557
Total other financing sources		2,080,978		2,216,523		2,338,080		121,557
Net change in fund balances		(226,429)		(590,565)		(8,566)		581,999
Fund balance at beginning of year		1,017,655		1,017,655		1,017,655		-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated		70,457		70,457		70,457		-
Fund balance at end of year	\$	861,683	\$	497,547	\$	1,079,546	\$	581,999

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS) STREET/PUBLIC SERVICE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Budgetee Original	d Amounts Final	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues:				
Licenses and permits	\$ 2,048	\$ 2,440	\$ 2,440	\$ -
Intergovernmental	1,091,747	1,300,898	2,387,592	1,086,694
Special assessments	117,773	140,335	140,335	-
Other	22,683	27,029	20,153	(6,876)
Total revenues	1,234,251	1,470,702	2,550,520	1,079,818
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Transportation	1,499,668	1,606,025	1,960,959	(354,934)
Capital outlay	2,134,052	2,285,398	2,790,476	(505,078)
Total expenditures	3,633,720	3,891,423	4,751,435	(860,012)
Total expelicitures	3,033,720	3,071,423	4,731,433	(000,012)
Excess of expenditures over revenues	(2,399,469)	(2,420,721)	(2,200,915)	219,806
Other financing sources (uses):				
Loan issuance	-	-	664,145	664,145
Advances in	352,475	420,000	420,000	-
Transfers (out)	(31,546)	(33,784)	(41,250)	(7,466)
Transfers in	1,082,886	1,290,340	1,290,340	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	1,403,815	1,676,556	2,333,235	656,679
Net change in fund balances	(995,654)	(744,165)	132,320	876,485
Fund balance at beginning of year	356,047	356,047	356,047	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	1,019,866	1,019,866	1,019,866	=
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 380,259	\$ 631,748	\$ 1,508,233	\$ 876,485

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS) POLICE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Budgetee Original	l Amounts Final	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues:				
Property and other local taxes	\$ 932,848	\$ 1,078,194	\$ 1,078,194	\$ -
Charges for services	16,812	19,431	19,431	-
Licenses and permits	324	375	375	-
Fines and forfeitures	10,975	12,685	12,685	-
Intergovernmental	315,811	365,017	365,017	-
Contributions and donations	216	250	250	-
Other	52,983	61,238	61,238	-
Total revenues	1,329,969	1,537,190	1,537,190	
Expenditures: Current: Security of persons and property	4,911,378	4,954,814	4,684,417	270,397
Capital outlay	4.011.250	56,060	56,060	250 205
Total expenditures	4,911,378	5,010,874	4,740,477	270,397
Excess of expenditures over revenues	(3,581,409)	(3,473,684)	(3,203,287)	270,397
Other financing sources:				
Transfers in	3,405,024	3,642,092	3,935,563	293,471
Total other financing sources	3,405,024	3,642,092	3,935,563	293,471
Net change in fund balances	(176,385)	168,408	732,276	563,868
Fund balance at beginning of year	556,386	556,386	556,386	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	71,956	71,956	71,956	=
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 451,957	\$ 796,750	\$ 1,360,618	\$ 563,868

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS) FIRE/EMS AND POLICE INCOME TAX FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	 Budgeted	Amo		Fi	riance with nal Budget Positive		
	Original		Final		Actual	(Negative)
Revenues:							_
Income taxes	\$ 5,200,000	\$	6,370,000	\$	6,128,595	\$	(241,405)
Total revenues	5,200,000		6,370,000		6,128,595		(241,405)
Expenditures:							
Current:							
Security of persons and property	208,189		208,189		195,207		12,982
Total expenditures	208,189		208,189		195,207		12,982
Excess of revenues over expenditures	 4,991,811		6,161,811		5,933,388		(228,423)
Other financing sources (uses):							
Transfers (out)	(4,992,000)		(4,992,000)		(5,935,204)		(943,204)
Total other financing sources (uses)	 (4,992,000)		(4,992,000)		(5,935,204)		(943,204)
Net change in fund balances	(189)		1,169,811		(1,816)		(1,171,627)
Fund balance at beginning of year	1,627		1,627		1,627		-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	189		189		189		_
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 1,627	\$	1,171,627	\$		\$	(1,171,627)

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE CITY AND REPORTING ENTITY

The City of Riverside (the "City") is a chartered municipal corporation established and operating under the laws of the State of Ohio and its charter. Mad River Township and the Village of Riverside merged in 1994 to become the City of Riverside. The City operates under a Council-Manager form of government. Elected officials include seven council members, one of which is the Mayor. Legislative power is vested in this seven-member Council. All council members, including the Mayor, are elected to four-year terms.

The City Manager, who is appointed by the Council, is the chief executive officer for the City. The administrative activities of the City are carried out by a Department of Finance, a Department of Law, a Department of Service, and a Department of Safety. All department heads are hired by the City Manager, with approval from Council, except for the Director of the Department of Law, who is appointed by Council.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the City have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to local governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the City's accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

The City's reporting entity has been defined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, "<u>The Financial Reporting Entity</u>" as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, "<u>Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units</u>" and GASB Statement No. 61, "<u>The Financial Reporting Entity</u>: <u>Omnibus an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34</u>". The reporting entity is composed of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to ensure the financial statements of the City are not misleading.

The primary government of the City consists of all funds, departments, and activities which are not legally separate from the City. They comprise the City's legal entity, which provides various services including police protection, fire protection, health services, street maintenance and repairs, leisure-time activities, and community and economic development. Council and the City Manager have direct responsibility for these activities.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the City is financially accountable. The City is financially accountable for an organization if the City appoints a voting majority of the organization's Governing Board and (1) the City is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the City is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; or (3) the City is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or (4) the City is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the City in that the City approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes. Certain organizations are also included as component units if the nature and significance of the relationship between the primary government and the organization is such that exclusion by the primary government would render the primary government's financial statements incomplete or misleading. The City has no component units.

The City is associated with five organizations, three of which are defined as jointly governed organizations, one as a related organization, and one as a risk sharing pool.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission

The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (the "Commission") is a jointly governed organization between Preble, Clark, Clinton, Darke, Greene, Miami, and Montgomery Counties and various cities residing within these counties, including the City of Riverside. The Commission prepares plans, including studies, maps, recommendations, and reports concerning the physical, environmental, social, economic, and governmental characteristics, functions and services of the region. These reports show recommendations for systems of transportation, highways, parks and recreational facilities, water supply, sewage disposal, garbage disposal, civic centers, and other public improvements and land uses that affect the development of the region. The Board exercises total control over the operations of the Commission including budgeting, appropriating, contracting and designing management. The degree of control exercised by any participating government is limited to its representation on the Board. Members of the Board are as follows: the officers of the Commission (elected by member representatives), the immediate past Chair of the Commission, the Commission member representing the City of Dayton, the Commission member representing each of the respective member counties, the representatives selected by each county caucus, a nongovernmental member, and two at-large representatives. Payments to the Commission are made from the general fund. The City contributed \$12,971 for the operation of the Commission during 2023. Financial information may be obtained by writing to Brian Martin, Executive Director, 10 North Ludlow Street, Suite 700, Dayton, Ohio 45402.

Greater Miami Valley Emergency Medical Services Council

The Greater Miami Valley EMS Council (the "Council") is a jointly governed organization between municipal corporations and townships in Montgomery, Greene and Warren Counties. The purpose of the Council is to foster cooperation among the political subdivisions by promoting programs and recommending matters that will result in more efficient methods of delivering fire and emergency medical services in the region. The Council is made up of a representative appointed by the City of Dayton, a representative appointed by the members who are provided Fire/EMS services by volunteers, two representatives appointed by the members who are provided Fire/EMS services by a combination of full-time employees and volunteers, and a representative appointed by members who are provided Fire/EMS services by full-time employees. Payments to the Council are made from the fire special revenue fund. The board exercises total control over the operations of the Council including budgeting, appropriating, contracting and designing management. The degree of control exercised by any participating member is limited to its representation on the Board. The City made no contributions toward the operation of the Council during 2023. Financial information may be obtained by writing to Sandy Lehrter, Executive Administrator, at 247 Taylor Street, Suite 130, Dayton, Ohio 45402.

Economic Development/Government Equity Program

The Economic Development/Government Equity Program (ED/GE) was established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 307 for the purpose of developing and promoting plans and programs designed to assure that County resources are efficiently used, economic growth is property balanced, and that county economic development is coordinated with that of the State of Ohio and other local governments. Members include villages, townships, and cities within Montgomery County (the "County") and the County itself. Cooperation and coordination between the members is intended to promote economic health and improve the economic opportunities of the people in the County by assisting in the establishment or expansion within the County of industrial, commercial, or research facilities and by creating and preserving job and employment opportunities for the people of the County.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

The ED/GE Advisory Committee, made up of alternating member entities' representatives, decides which proposed projects will be granted each year. Sales tax revenues, set aside by the County, are used to fund the projects. Members annually contribute to or receive benefits based on an elaborate zero-based formula designed to distribute growth in contributing communities to those communities experiencing less economic growth. Any member default in paying its contributions will be liable for the amount of the contribution, any interest accrued, and penalties. During this time, the member will not be entitled to any allocations from ED/GE. Payments to ED/GE are made from the general fund. The Board exercises total control over the operations of the Council including budgeting, appropriating, contracting and designing management. The degree of control exercised by any participating government is limited to its representation on the Board. The City did not receive any monies from ED/GE during 2023. Financial information may be obtained by writing to Erik Collins, Executive Administrator, 451 West Third Street, Dayton, Ohio 45422.

RELATED ORGANIZATION

The Riverside Historical Society

The Riverside Historical Society (RHS) is a related organization that was created by Ordinance No. 96-0-79 on November 7, 1996 by the City of Riverside. RHS is governed by seven members, which are appointed by City Council. RHS was established to provide a society that is interested and qualified to undertake such programs that will promote the historical and cultural heritage of the City, to protect existing historical landmarks in the City, and to promote the use of protected historical sites within the City. The City is not able to impose its will on the RHS, and no financial benefit and/or burden relationship exists. The City contributed \$3,677 to the operating of the RHS during 2023.

RISK SHARING POOL

Public Entities Pool of Ohio

The Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP) is a statutory entity created pursuant to Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code by the execution of an intergovernmental contract ("Participation Agreements"). PEP enables the subscribing subdivisions to pool risk for property, liability, and public official liability.

PEP has no employees; rather, it is administered through contracts with various professionals. Pursuant to a contract, the firm of American Risk Pooling Consultants administers PEP. PEP is a separate legal entity. PEP subcontracts certain self-insurance, administrative, and claims functions to a "Pool Operator," currently USI Insurance Services. PEP has executed contracts with various professionals for actuary services, as independent auditors, as loss control representatives, as litigation management and defense law firms, as counsel to PEP, and other as required.

The City pays an annual "premium" to PEP for the coverage they are provided, based on rates established by PEP, using anticipated and actual results of operation for the various coverage provided. Participants are also charged for a "surplus contribution" that is used to fund the activities of PEP. During 2023, the City made premium payments of \$250,831 to PEP. There was no required surplus contribution in 2023.

PEP is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees elected by the members of PEP. The City makes an annual contribution to PEP for the coverage it is provided, based on rates established by PEP. Financial information may be obtained by writing to the Public Entities Pool of Ohio, 229 Riverside Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45402.

B. Basis of Presentation

The City's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements, which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Government-Wide Financial Statements - The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the City as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government. The statements normally distinguish between those activities of the City that are governmental in nature and those that are considered business-type activities. The City, however; has no business-type activities.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the City at year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the City's governmental activities of the City. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants, and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the City, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental program or business segment is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the City.

Fund Financial Statements - During the year, the City segregates transactions related to certain City functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the City at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column.

C. Fund Accounting

The City uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Governmental Funds - Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the City are typically financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purpose for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources is reported as fund balance.

The following are the City's major governmental funds:

<u>General fund</u> - This fund accounts for and reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the City for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio and the Charter of the City.

<u>Fire fund</u> - This fund accounts for and reports restricted monies related to the fire department activities and the fire levy tax proceeds.

<u>Street/public service fund</u> - This fund accounts for and reports that portion of the State gasoline tax and motor vehicle registration fees restricted for maintenance and repair of streets within the City.

<u>Police fund</u> - This fund accounts for and reports restricted monies received from police levy tax proceeds, along with fines generated through safety enforcement within the City.

<u>Fire/EMS and police income tax fund</u> - This fund accounts for and reports the accumulation of restricted income taxes levied for supplementing the police and fire funds. Once the income taxes are collected, the monies are transferred to the respective police and fire funds for payment of the liabilities.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

The other governmental funds of the City account for grants and other resources whose use is restricted, committed, or assigned for a particular purpose.

D. Measurement Focus

Government-Wide Financial Statements - The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of the City are included on the statement of net position. The statement of activities presents increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in total net position.

Fund Financial Statements - All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets, current deferred outflows of resources, current liabilities, and current deferred inflows of resources generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. The governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

E. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

Revenues - Exchange and Non-Exchange Transactions - Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the year in which the resources are measurable and become available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means the resources will be collected within the current year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. For the City, available means expected to be received within 31 days of year-end.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the City receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include income taxes, property taxes, revenue in lieu of taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from income tax is recognized in the year in which the income is earned. Revenue from property taxes and revenue in lieu of taxes are recognized in the year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the City must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the City on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at year-end: income taxes, other local taxes, investment income, and intergovernmental revenues (including motor vehicle license tax, gasoline tax, grants, and local government assistance).

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources - In addition to assets, the government-wide statement of net position will report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. See Notes 15 and 16 for deferred outflows of resources related to net pension liability/asset and net OPEB liability, respectively.

In addition to liabilities, both the government-wide statement of net position and the governmental fund financial statements report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. Deferred inflows of resources include property taxes and unavailable revenue. Property taxes represent amounts for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of December 31, 2023, but which were levied to finance 2024 operations. These amounts have been recorded as a deferred inflow of resources on both the government-wide statement of net position and the governmental fund financial statements. Unavailable revenue is reported only on the governmental funds balance sheet, and represents receivables which will not be collected within the available period. Unavailable revenue includes, but is not limited to, income tax, special assessments delinquent property taxes and intergovernmental grants. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amounts become available. The deferred inflow of resources for leases is related to the lease receivable and is being amortized to lease revenue in a systematic and rational manner over the term of the lease.

See Notes 15 and 16 for deferred inflows of resources related to net pension liability/asset and net OPEB liability, respectively. These deferred inflows of resources are only reported on the government-wide statement of net position.

Expenses/Expenditures - On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in governmental funds.

F. Cash and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the City is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the City's records. Interest in the pool is presented as "equity in pooled cash and investments" on the financial statements.

The City has permissive motor vehicle license money, which is held by the Montgomery County Engineer as a fiscal agent and distributed to the City for approved street projects. The balance in this account is presented on the statement of net position and balance sheet as "cash with fiscal agents".

During the year, investments were limited to federal agency securities, a U.S. Government money market mutual fund, U. S. Treasury Notes and Bills, and the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio). Except for investments in STAR Ohio and the U.S. Government money market mutual fund, the City measures its investments at fair value which is based upon quoted market prices.

During 2023, the City invested in STAR Ohio. STAR Ohio, is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Statement No. 79, "Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants." The City measures its investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The U.S. Government money market mutual fund is also valued at NAV per share. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides NAV per share that approximates fair value.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

For 2023, there were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. However, notice must be given 24 hours in advance of all deposits and withdrawals exceeding \$100 million. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transaction to \$250 million, requiring the excess amount to be transacted the following business day(s), but only to the \$250 million limit. All accounts of the participant will be combined for these purposes.

Interest income is distributed to the funds according to Ohio constitutional and statutory requirements.

Investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase are considered to be cash equivalents.

G. Materials and Supplies Inventory

Inventories are presented at cost on a first-in, first out basis and are expended/expensed when used. Inventory consists of expendable supplies held for consumption.

H. Capital Assets

General capital assets are capital assets that are associated with governmental activities. These assets generally result from expenditures in governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position, but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

Capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost which is determined by indexing the current replacement cost back to the year of acquisition) and updated for additions and deletions during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition values on the date received. The City maintains a capitalization threshold of \$1,000. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are expensed.

All reported capital assets, except for land and construction in progress, are depreciated/amortized. Improvements are depreciated/amortized over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Useful lives for infrastructure were estimated based on the City's historical records of necessary improvements and replacements.

Depreciation/amortization is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

	Governmental
	Activities
<u>Description</u>	Estimated Lives
Land improvements	10 - 25 years
Buildings and improvements	20 - 50 years
Machinery and equipment	3 - 20 years
Vehicles	5 - 20 years
Infrastructure	10 - 60 years
Intangible right to use assets	5 years

The City's infrastructure consists of streets, a storm sewer system, light poles, street lights, traffic signals, and curbs. The City only reports the amounts acquired after 2003. General infrastructure assets acquired prior to January 1, 2004 are not reported in the basic financial statements.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

I. Compensated Absences

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the City will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. The City records a liability for all accumulated unused vacation time when earned for all employees after one year of service.

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the termination method. An accrual for earned sick leave is made to the extent it is probable that benefits will result in termination payments after an employee retires. The liability is an estimate based on the City's past experience of making termination payments. The entire compensated absences liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements.

J. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements.

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources are reported as obligations of the funds. However, compensated absences, claims and judgments that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as liabilities on the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current year. Bonds, loans, bond anticipation notes, and lease purchase agreements are recognized as liabilities on the governmental fund financial statements when due. Net pension/OPEB liability should be recognized in the governmental funds to the extent that benefit payments are due and payable and the pension/OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is not sufficient for payment of those benefits.

K. Bond Premiums/Bond Issuance Costs/Prepaid Bond Insurance

On both the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements, bond issuance costs are recognized in the period in which these items are incurred.

On the government-wide financial statements, bond premiums are deferred and amortized over the term of the bonds using the straight-line method, which approximates the effective interest method. Bond premiums are presented as an addition to the face amount of the bonds. On the governmental fund financial statements bond premiums are recognized in the period in which these items are incurred. Under Ohio law, premiums on the original issuance of debt are to be deposited to the bond retirement fund to be used for debt retirement and are precluded from being applied to the project fund.

Prepaid bond insurance is amortized over the term of the bonds using the straight-line method.

L. Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the City is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

<u>Nonspendable</u> - The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash. The nonspendable fund balance for the City includes materials and supplies inventory and prepayments.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

<u>Restricted</u> - Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints are placed on the use of resources that are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation (City ordinances).

Enabling legislation authorizes the City to assess, levy, charge, or otherwise mandate payment of resources (from external resource providers) and includes a legally enforceable requirement that those resources be used only for the specific purposes stipulated in the legislation. Legal enforceability means that the City can be compelled by an external party, such as citizens, public interest groups, or the judiciary to use resources created by enabling legislation only for the purposes specified by the legislation.

<u>Committed</u> - The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (ordinance) of City Council (the highest level of decision-making authority). Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless City Council removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (ordinance) it employed to previously commit those amounts. In contrast to fund balance that is restricted by enabling legislation, the committed fund balance classification may be redeployed for other purposes with appropriate due process. Constraints imposed on the use of committed amounts are imposed by City Council, separate from the authorization to raise the underlying revenue; therefore, compliance with these constraints is not considered to be legally enforceable. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

<u>Assigned</u> - Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the City for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted nor committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by the City Council or a City official delegated that authority by ordinance or by State statute. The future appropriations amount assigned in the general fund represents 2024 appropriations that exceed estimated revenues. State statute authorizes the finance director to assign fund balance for purchases on order, provided such amounts have been lawfully appropriated.

<u>Unassigned</u> - Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is only used to report a deficit fund balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned.

The City applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) fund balance is available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

M. Interfund Activity

Transfers within governmental activities are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements.

Internal allocations of overhead expenses from one function to another or within the same function are eliminated on the statement of activities. Payments for interfund services provided and used are not eliminated.

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

N. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources. The City's net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. Net position restricted for other purposes primarily includes amounts related to federal equitable sharing and cemetery purposes. The City applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

O. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

P. Interfund Receivables and Payables

On fund financial statements, outstanding interfund loans and unpaid interfund services are reported as "interfund loans receivable" and "interfund loans payable." Interfund balances are eliminated in the governmental activities column of the statement of net position.

Q. Fair Value Measurements

The City categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

R. Budgetary Process

All funds are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriation ordinance, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount Council may appropriate. The appropriation ordinance is Council's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by Council. The legal level of control has been established by Council at the fund, department, and the following first-digit object level (personnel service, other expenses, capital outlay, debt service and transfers). Budgetary modifications may only be made by resolution of Council.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the Finance Director. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the certificate of estimated resources when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts set forth in the financial statements as final budgeted amounts represent estimates from the amended certificate in effect at the time final appropriations were passed by Council.

The appropriation ordinance is subject to amendment throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first appropriation ordinance for that fund that covered the entire year, including amounts automatically carried forward from prior years. The amounts reported as the revised budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by Council during the year, including all supplemental appropriations.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

S. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the City Administration and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither type of transaction occurred during 2023.

T. Pensions/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB liability, net pension asset, net OPEB asset, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related pensions/OPEB, and pension/OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the pension/OPEB plans and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension/OPEB plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension/OPEB plans report investments at fair value.

U. Prepayments

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2023, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method by recording a current asset for the prepaid amount at the time of the purchase and the expenditure/expense in the year in which services are consumed.

V. Unearned Revenue

Unearned revenue represents amounts under the accrual and modified accrual basis of accounting for which asset recognition criteria have been met, but for which revenue recognition criteria have not yet been met because the amounts have not yet been earned. The City recognizes unearned revenue for intergovernmental revenue from grants received before the eligibility requirements are met.

W. Leases

The City serves as both lessee and lessor in various noncancellable leases which are accounted for as follows:

Lessee At the commencement of a lease, the City initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The leased asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the leased asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life. Leased assets are reported with other capital assets and leased liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

Lessor At the commencement of a lease, the City initially measures the lease receivable at the present value of payments expected to be received during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease receivable is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments received. The deferred inflow of resources is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease receivable, adjusted for lease payments received at or before the lease commencement date. Subsequently, the deferred inflow of resources is recognized as revenue over the life of the lease term.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY

Change in Accounting Principles

For 2023, the City has implemented GASB Statement No. 94, "Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements", GASB Statement No. 96, "Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements", certain questions and answers of GASB Implementation Guide 2021-1 and certain paragraphs of GASB Statement No. 99, "Omnibus 2022".

GASB Statement No. 94 is to improve financial reporting by addressing issues related to public-private and public partnership arrangements (PPPs). As used in this Statement, a PPP is an arrangement in which a government (the transferor) contracts with an operator (a governmental or nongovernmental entity) to provide public services by conveying control of the right to operate or use a nonfinancial asset, such as infrastructure or other capital asset (the underlying PPP asset), for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 94 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the City.

GASB Statement No. 96 provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). This Statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset—an intangible asset—and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. To the extent relevant, the standards for SBITAs are based on the standards established in Statement No. 87, Leases, as amended. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 96 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the City.

GASB Implementation Guide 2021-1 provides clarification on issues related to previously established GASB guidance. The implementation of GASB Implementation Guide 2021-1 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the City.

GASB Statement No. 99 is to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting and to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing (1) practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements and (2) accounting and financial reporting for financial guarantees. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 99 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the City.

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

State statutes classify monies held by the City into three categories:

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet current demands on the treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the City Treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the City has identified as not required for use within the current five-year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits in interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use, but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts including passbook accounts.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

Interim monies may be deposited or invested in the following securities:

- 1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal or interest by the United States;
- Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, and Government National Mortgage Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
- 3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
- 4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio and with certain limitations including a requirement for maturity within ten years from the date of settlement, bonds and other obligations of political subdivisions of the State of Ohio, if training requirements have been met;
- 5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
- 6. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in items (1) or (2) above and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
- 7. The State Treasurer's investment pool, the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio); and,
- 8. Certain bankers' acceptances and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days and two hundred seventy days, respectively, in an amount not to exceed 40 percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time if training requirements have not been met.

The City may also invest any monies not required to be used for a period of six months or more in the following:

- 1. Bonds of the State of Ohio;
- 2. Bonds of any municipal corporation, village, county, township, or other political subdivision of this State, as to which there is no default of principal, interest or coupons; and,
- 3. Obligations of the City.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

Protection of the deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by the financial institutions participation in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code, except as noted above, an investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the City, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. The City's investment policy limits security purchases to those that mature within five years of the settlement date. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the treasurer or qualified trustee or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

A. Cash with Fiscal Agent

At year end, the City had \$22,643 on deposit with the Montgomery County Treasurer. The data regarding insurance and collateralization can be obtained from the Montgomery County Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the year ended December 31, 2023. This amount is not included in the City's depository balance below.

B. Deposits with Financial Institutions

At December 31, 2023, the carrying amount of all City deposits was \$2,966,786 and the bank balance of all City deposits was \$3,273,108. Of the bank balance, \$2,224,224 was covered by the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), \$250,000 was covered by the FDIC, and the remaining \$798,884 was potentially exposed to custodial risk.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the City will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The City has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits either be insured or protected by (1) eligible securities pledged to the City's and deposited with a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment whose market value at all times shall be at least 105 percent of the deposits being secured, or (2) participation in the OPCS, a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution. OPCS requires the total market value of the securities pledged to be 102 percent of the deposits being secured or a rate set by the Treasurer of State. For 2023, the City's financial institutions were approved for a reduced collateral rate of 60 percent through the OPCS. Although all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with Federal requirements could potentially subject the City to a successful claim by the FDIC.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

C. Investments

As of December 31, 2023, the City had the following investments:

			Investment Maturities							
Measurement/ Investment type	N	leasurment Value	6	months or less		7 to 12 months		13 to 18 months		19 to 24 months
Fair value:										
FNMA	\$	173,929	\$	49,868	\$	-	\$	95,078	\$	28,983
FFCB		406,207		243,011		139,243		23,953		-
FHLMC		28,962		-		-		28,962		-
FHLB		1,441,092		517,877		735,420		187,795		-
U.S. Treasury Notes		461,968		178,263		59,020		74,326		150,359
U.S. Treasury Bills		164,525		164,525		-		-		-
Amortized cost:										
STAR Ohio		9,682,535		9,682,535		-		-		-
U.S. Government money										
market mutual fund	_	18,817	_	18,817	_		_		_	
Total	\$	12,378,035	\$	10,854,896	\$	933,683	\$	410,114	\$	179,342

The weighted average of maturity of investments is 0.15 years.

The City's investments in federal agency securities (FHLB, FFCB, FHLMC, FNMA), U.S. Treasury Bills, and U.S. Treasury Notes are valued using quoted prices in markets that are not considered to be active, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources for similar assets or liabilities for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly (Level 2 inputs).

Interest Rate Risk: State statute requires that an investment mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the City and that an investment must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. The City's investment policy states that the City will not directly invest in securities maturing more than five years from the settlement date unless, per a bond indenture, the investment is matched to a specified obligation or debt of the subdivision. Reserve funds may be invested in securities exceeding five years if the maturity of such investments is made to coincide as nearly as practicable with the expected use of the funds. The intent to invest in securities with longer maturities will be disclosed in writing to City Council.

Credit Risk: Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service and that the money market mutual funds be rated in the highest category at the time of purchase by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. The City's investments in federal agency securities and the U.S. treasury notes were both rated AA+ and Aaa by Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investor Services, respectively. Standard & Poor's has assigned STAR Ohio and the U.S. Government money market mutual fund an AAAm money market rating. The City limits its investments to those authorized by State statute.

Custodial Credit Risk: For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the City will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The City has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial risk beyond the requirement in State statute that prohibits payment for investments prior to the delivery of the securities representing such investments to the Director of Finance or qualified trustee.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

Concentration of Credit Risk: The City places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any single issuer. The following table includes the percentage of each investment type held by the City at December 31, 2023:

Measurement/	Me	easurement	
Investment type		Amount	% of Total
Fair value:			
FNMA	\$	173,929	1.41%
FHLMC		28,962	0.23%
FHLB		1,441,092	11.64%
FFCB		406,207	3.28%
U.S. Treasury Notes		461,968	3.73%
U.S. Treasury Bills		164,525	1.33%
Amortized cost:			
STAR Ohio U.S. Government money		9,682,535	78.23%
market mutual fund		18,817	0.15%
Total	\$	12,378,035	100.00%

D. Reconciliation of Cash and Investments to Statement of Net Position

The following is a reconciliation of cash and investments as reported in the note above to cash and investments as reported on the statement of net position as of December 31, 2023:

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Cash and	investments	ner note

Carrying amount of deposits	\$ 2,966,786
Investments	12,378,035
Cash with fiscal agent	22,643
Total	\$ 15,367,464

Cash and investments per statement of net position

Governmental activities \$ 15,367,464

NOTE 5 - MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX

The City levies and collects an income tax of two and one-half percent on all income earned within the City, as well as on incomes of residents earned outside the City. However, the City allows a credit for income taxes paid to another municipality up to 100 percent of the City's current tax rate. The City utilizes the Central Collection Agency (CCA) to collect income taxes.

Income tax proceeds are to be used to pay the cost of administering the tax, general fund operations, police and fire operations, and other governmental functions when needed, as determined by Council. In 2023, the income tax revenues were allocated to the general fund and the fire/EMS and police income tax fund.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 6 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

A. Interfund transfers for the year ended December 31, 2023, consisted of the following, as reported on the fund financial statements.

	Transfers to:								
						N	Vonmajor		
	Fire	St	treet/Public		Police	Go	vernmental		
Transfers from:	Fund	Se	ervice Fund		Fund		Funds		Total
General Fund	\$ 219,440	\$	1,290,340	\$	119,000	\$	580,199	\$	2,208,979
Street/Public Service Fund	-		-		-		41,250		41,250
Fire/EMS and Police Income Tax Fund	 2,118,640		=		3,816,563		<u>-</u>	_	5,935,203
Total	\$ 2,338,080	\$	1,290,340	\$	3,935,563	\$	621,449	\$	8,185,432

Transfers from the general fund were made to move unrestricted balances to support programs and projects accounted for in other funds and for debt service. Transfers from the Street/public service fund to the nonmajor governmental funds were for debt service. Transfers from the Fire/EMS and police income tax fund to the fire fund and the police fund were made for operating purposes. Interfund transfers between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements. All transfers were compliant with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.14, 5705.15 and 5705.16.

B. Interfund loans consisted of the following at December 31, 2023, as reported on the fund financial statements.

Receivable fund	Payable funds	Amount			
General	Street/public service	\$	420,000		
Total		\$	420,000		

Interfund balances between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements.

NOTE 7 - PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in the City. Taxes collected from real property taxes (other than public utility) in one calendar year are levied in the preceding calendar year on the assessed value as of January 1 of that preceding year, the lien date. Assessed values are established by the County Auditor at 35 percent of appraised market value. All property is required to be revaluated every six years. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits later payment dates to be established.

Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes collected in one calendar year are levied in the preceding calendar year on assessed values determined as of December 31 of the second year preceding the tax collection year, the lien date. Public utility tangible personal property is assessed at varying percentages of true value; public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value. 2023 public utility property taxes became a lien December 31, 2022, are levied after October 1, 2023, and are collected in 2024 with real property taxes. Public utility property taxes are payable on the same dates as real property taxes described previously.

The Montgomery County Treasurer collects property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts in the County, including the City. The Montgomery County Auditor periodically remits to the City its portion of the taxes collected. Property taxes receivable represents real property taxes, public utility taxes and outstanding delinquencies which are measurable as of December 31, 2023 and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. In the governmental funds, the current portion receivable has been offset by deferred inflow of resources since the current taxes were not levied to finance 2023 operations and the collection of delinquent taxes has been offset by deferred inflow of resources since the collection of the taxes during the available period is not subject to reasonable estimation. On an accrual basis, collectible delinquent property taxes have been recorded as a receivable and revenue while on a modified accrual basis the revenue is a deferred inflow of resources.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 7 - PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)

The full tax rate for all City operations for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$11.34 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed values of real property and public utility personal property upon which 2023 property tax receipts were based are as follows:

Real property	
Residential/agricultural	\$ 228,426,900
Commercial/industrial/public utility	47,202,040
Public utility	
Personal	 8,057,420
Total assessed value	\$ 283,686,360

NOTE 8 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at December 31, 2023, consisted of property taxes, payments in lieu of taxes, other local taxes, municipal income taxes, accounts, accrued interest, leases, special assessments and amounts due from other governments arising from grants, entitlements or shared revenues.

A summary of the principal items of due from other governments receivables follows:

Governmental activities:		Amount			
Local government	\$	240,549			
BWC		18,112			
Grants		299,146			
Homestead and rollback		168,722			
Auto license		82,876			
Gasoline tax		612,834			
Permissive motor vehicle license tax	_	21,899			
Total due from other governments	\$	1,444,138			

All receivables are considered fully collectible and will be received within one year with the exception of property taxes, revenue in lieu of taxes, leases, income taxes and special assessments. Property taxes, revenue in lieu of taxes and income taxes, although ultimately collectible, include some portion of delinquents that will not be collected within one year. Special assessments expected to be collected in more than one year for the City amounts to \$33,397 and represents delinquents at December 31, 2023.

Payments in lieu of taxes

The City granted real property tax exemptions to landowners for improvements made to their properties for a period of 10 years. The City requires the owners to make an annual payment to the City in lieu of taxes in the amount that would be payable on the increase in the value of the property if not for the exemption. The City then uses these monies to pay for public infrastructure improvements benefitting the owners. The City accrues a receivable for amounts measurable at December 31, 2023, with a corresponding credit to deferred inflows of resources.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 9 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2023, was as follows:

	Balance			Balance
Governmental activities:	12/31/22	Additions	Disposals	12/31/23
Capital assets, not being depreciated/amortized:				
Land	\$ 3,154,350	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,154,350
Construction in progress	3,305,852	2,489,384	(2,849,054)	2,946,182
Total capital assets, not being depreciated/amortized	6,460,202	2,489,384	(2,849,054)	6,100,532
Capital assets being depreciated/amortized:				
Land improvements	979,081	_	_	979,081
Buildings and improvements	5,650,265	35,808	_	5,686,073
Machinery and equipment	5,593,347	327,091	(62,072)	5,858,366
Vehicles	5,041,380	282,200	(99,681)	5,223,899
Infrastructure	17,976,441	4,761,822	-	22,738,263
Intangible right to use assets:				
Leased vehicles	-	83,226	-	83,226
Leased equipment	78,555			78,555
Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized	35,319,069	5,490,147	(161,753)	40,647,463
Less: accumulated depreciation/amortization:				
Land improvements	(510,607)	(40,312)	-	(550,919)
Buildings and improvements	(2,062,759)	(160,750)	-	(2,223,509)
Machinery and equipment	(3,737,617)	(281,151)	56,767	(3,962,001)
Vehicles	(3,498,989)	(376,735)	99,681	(3,776,043)
Infrastructure	(6,381,689)	(932,958)	-	(7,314,647)
Intangible right to use assets:				
Leased vehicles	-	(16,645)	-	(16,645)
Leased equipment	(7,856)	(15,711)		(23,567)
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	(16,199,517)	(1,824,262)	156,448	(17,867,331)
Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized, net	19,119,552	3,665,885	(5,305)	22,780,132
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 25,579,754	\$ 6,155,269	\$ (2,854,359)	\$ 28,880,664

Depreciation/amortization expense was charged to functions/programs of the City as follows:

Governmental activities:

General government	\$	228,241
Security of persons and property		418,280
Leisure time activities		30,499
Transporation	_	1,147,242
Total depreciation/amortization expense	<u>\$</u>	1,824,262

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 10 - LEASES RECEIVABLE

The City is reporting leases receivable of \$1,276,884 in the general fund. For 2023, the general fund recognized lease revenue of \$498,889, which is reported in rental income, and investment income of \$74,624.

The City has entered into lease agreements as the lessor at varying years and terms for office space at the Wright Point office complex. Rent is received from each tenant monthly. All but one of the agreements ends by 2026. The agreement with the longest term ends in 2032.

The following is a schedule of future lease payments under the lease agreements:

Governmental Activities

Fiscal Year	_	Principal	Interest		_	Total
2024	\$	317,855	\$	54,880	\$	372,735
2025		125,638		44,889		170,527
2026		111,355		39,070		150,425
2027		112,707		33,560		146,267
2028		121,467		27,726		149,193
2029-2032		487,862		44,371		532,233
Total	\$	1,276,884	\$	244,496	\$	1,521,380

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 11 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

During 2023, the following changes occurred in the City's long-term obligations.

	Interest Rate	Balance 12/31/2022			Additions		Reductions		Balance 12/31/2023		e Within one Year
Governmental activities:											
Loans - from direct borrowings:											
OWDA loan	3.25%	\$	10,441	\$	-	\$	(1,251)	\$	9,190	\$	1,292
Brantwood Subdivision TIF loan	5.00%		1,698,840		-		(22,151)		1,676,689		-
Brantwood Subdivision II TIF loan	5.00%		1,104,656		-		-		1,104,656		-
OPWC Valley Pike	0.00%		181,845		-		(8,659)		173,186		8,660
OPWC Needmore Road	0.00%		235,923		-		(11,235)		224,688		11,235
OPWC East Springfield Street	0.00%		375,000		664,145		-		1,039,145		-
OPWC Harshman Road Phase II	0.00%		132,000		-		(12,000)		120,000		8,000
OPWC Union Schoolhouse Road	0.00%		44,714		-		(2,981)		41,733		2,981
Total loans			3,783,419		664,145		(58,277)		4,389,287	_	32,168
General obligation bonds:											
Refunding - series 2020	2.25 - 4.00%		395,000		-		(45,000)		350,000		45,000
Various purpose - series 2020	2.25 - 4.00%		935,000		-		(40,000)		895,000		40,000
Road improvements - series 2022	2.25 - 4.00%		1,320,000	_			(50,000)		1,270,000	_	50,000
Total general obligation bonds			2,650,000	_			(135,000)		2,515,000	_	135,000
Bond anticipation notes:											
2022 property acquisition	1.25%		4,735,000		-		(4,735,000)		-		-
2023 property acquisition	6.25%		<u> </u>		4,565,000		<u>-</u>		4,565,000		
Total bond anticipation notes			4,735,000		4,565,000	_	(4,735,000)	_	4,565,000	_	<u> </u>
Other long-term liabilities:											
Leases payable			74,156		73,185		(25,820)		121,521		42,632
Financed purchase agreements			1,167,187		-		(384,090)		783,097		312,667
Energy conservation financing			377,590		-		(53,457)		324,133		55,067
Net pension liability			10,450,655		6,285,167		-		16,735,822		-
Net OPEB liability			1,678,394		61,961		(648,076)		1,092,279		-
Compensated absences			684,370		183,440		(199,631)	_	668,179		157,278
Total other long-term liabilities			14,432,352		6,603,753		(1,311,074)		19,725,031		567,644
Total governmental activities											
long-term liabilities		\$	25,600,771	\$	11,832,898	\$	(6,239,351)		31,194,318	\$	734,812
					Unaı	nort	zed premium		163,668		
			7	Γota	al on stateme	nt of	net position	\$	31,357,986		

On November 5, 2020 the City issued series 2020 refunding bonds to currently refund the series 2010 general obligation bonds. The issuance proceeds of \$495,026, along with a \$54,633 contribution from the City, were used to pay for the cost of the issuance and to retire the outstanding series 2010 general obligation bonds.

The 2020 refunding issue is comprised of current interest bonds, par value \$475,000. The interest rate on the current interest bonds ranges from 2.25-4.00% and mature on December 1, 2030. The bonds will be retired through the capital equipment improvement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund) using transfers from the general fund.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 11 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

The reacquisition price exceeded the net carrying amount of the old debt by \$14,571. This amount was expensed in 2020 because the series 2010 general obligation bonds matured on November 8, 2020.

On November 5, 2020 the City issued series 2020 various purpose bonds to provide resources for various infrastructure improvement projects. The 2020 various purpose issue is comprised of current interest bonds, par value \$1,005,000. The interest rate on the current interest bonds ranges from 2.25-4.00% and mature on December 1, 2040. The bonds will be retired through the bond retirement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund) using transfers from the general fund and the street/public service fund.

On March 9, 2022, the City issued series 2022 road improvement general obligation bonds to provide resources for various road improvement projects. The 2022 road improvement issue is comprised of current interest bonds, par value \$1,400,000. The interest rate on the current interest bonds ranges from 2.25-4.00% and mature on December 1, 2041. The bonds will be retired through the bond retirement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund) using transfers from the general fund and the street/public service fund.

The Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) loan consists of money owed to the OWDA for the construction of a salt storage shed. The loan was issued at a 3.25% interest rate and will reach maturity on July 1, 2030. The loan will be repaid from the bond retirement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

OWDA loans are direct borrowings that have terms negotiated directly between the City and the OWDA and are not offered for public sale. In the event of default, the OWDA may declare the full amount of the then unpaid original loan amount to be immediately due and payable and/or require the City to pay any fines, penalties, interest, or late charges associated with the default.

On December 21, 2012, the City entered into a tax increment financing (TIF) and infrastructure development agreement with Disciple Development Company, LLC to fund the construction of public infrastructure improvement in the Brantwood Subdivision. The initial loan was received in 2013. During 2018, the City received an additional loan of \$403,724. Per the agreement, the City will make payments on the loan based on the TIF monies received from the Brantwood Subdivision development, and the repayment schedule will depend upon the amount of TIF monies received by the City. The loan will be repaid from the Brantwood Subdivision fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

On February 5, 2016, the City entered into a tax increment financing (TIF) and infrastructure development agreement with Brantwood Development, LLC to fund the construction of public infrastructure improvement in the Brantwood Subdivision II. The initial loan was received in 2016. During 2018, the City received an additional loan of \$376,961. Per the agreement, the City will make payments on the loan based on TIF monies received from the Brantwood Subdivision II development, and the repayment schedule will depend upon the amount of TIF monies received by the City. The loan will be repaid from the Brantwood II Subdivision fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

TIF loans are direct borrowings that have terms negotiated directly between the City and the developers and are not offered for public sale.

The 2022 property acquisition bond anticipation note was issued on March 9, 2022 in the amount of \$4,900,000 (\$4,735,000 of which was considered long-term, see Note 12 for details on short term portion of notes) for acquisition and improvements of properties and buildings. This note had an initial maturity date of March 8, 2023. This note was refinanced on March 7, 2023 for \$4,735,000 (\$4,565,000 of which was considered long-term). The 2023 property acquisition bond anticipation note matures on March 6, 2024. On March 5, 2024, the City refinanced the \$4,735,000 bond anticipation note with a \$4,565,000 bond anticipation note, see Note 22. The bond anticipation notes are paid from the general fund.

During 2014, the City received a loan in the amount of \$200,000 from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for the Harshman Road improvements. The loan was issued at a zero percent interest rate and will mature on January 1, 2040. The loan will be repaid from the bond retirement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 11 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

During 2018, the City received a loan in the amount of \$59,618 from OPWC for the Union Schoolhouse Road Rehab project. The loan was issued at a zero percent interest rate and will mature on January 1, 2039. The loan will be repaid from the Issue II - Union Schoolhouse fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

During 2021, the City received a loan from OPWC for the East Springfield Street Reconstruction project. The maximum amount available for the loan is \$1,125,000. \$375,000 was drawn down during 2021. \$664,145 was drawn down during 2023. Since this an open loan at December 31, 2023, no amortization schedule is available. The loan was issued with a zero percent interest rate.

During 2022, the City received a loan in the amount of \$181,845 from OPWC for the Valley Pike Resurfacing project. The loan was issued with a zero percent interest rate and will mature on January 1, 2044. The loan will be repaid from the bond retirement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

During 2022, the City received a loan in the amount of \$235,923 from OPWC for the Needmore Road Resurfacing project. The loan was issued with a zero percent interest rate and will mature on January 1, 2044. The loan will be repaid from the bond retirement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

OPWC loans are direct borrowings that have terms negotiated directly between the City and the OPWC and are not offered for public sale. In the event of default, the OPWC may declare the full amount of the then unpaid original loan amount to be immediately due and payable and/or require the City to pay any fines, penalties, interest or late charges associated with the default.

A summary of the City's financed purchase obligations, which are all direct borrowings, is below:

	Paid From	Issue	Maturity	(Original
	Fund	Year	Year	I	Balance
Governmental activities:					
Financed purchase agreements:					
Fire truck	Capital equipment (a nonmajor governmental fund)	2015	2025	\$	985,000
Ambulance	Capital equipment (a nonmajor governmental fund)	2021	2026		255,000
Police cruiser	Capital equipment (a nonmajor governmental fund)	2021	2025		52,512
Honeywell improvements	Bond retirement (a nonmajor governmental fund)	2014	2029		56,742
Street sweeper	Capital equipment (a nonmajor governmental fund)	2018	2023		253,980
Police cruisers	Bond retirement (a nonmajor governmental fund)	2020	2024		130,800
Pickup trucks	Capital equipment (a nonmajor governmental fund)	2020	2024		143,000
Freightliner truck	Capital equipment (a nonmajor governmental fund)	2022	2027		155,480
Backhoe	Capital equipment (a nonmajor governmental fund)	2022	2026		87,602
Ambulance	Capital equipment (a nonmajor governmental fund)	2022	2026		265,000

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 11 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

	Interest Rate	1	Balance 12/31/2022		Additions		Reductions	Balance 2/31/2023	Due Within One Year		
Governmental activities:											
Financed purchase agreements:											
Fire truck	2.50%	\$	321,625	\$	-	\$	(104,553)	\$ 217,072	\$	107,186	
Ambulance	5.00%		185,206		-		(50,749)	134,457		52,454	
Police cruiser	5.00%		40,107		-		(12,875)	27,232		13,363	
Honeywell improvements	2.99%		27,706		-		(3,923)	23,783		4,041	
Street sweeper	3.75%		45,760		-		(45,760)	-		-	
Police cruisers	3.50%		51,062		-		(33,742)	17,320		17,320	
Pickup trucks	3.50%		55,827		-		(36,890)	18,937		18,937	
Freightliner truck	4.28%		155,480		-		(28,082)	127,398		29,514	
Backhoe	4.14%		71,474		-		(16,796)	54,678		17,491	
Ambulance	3.22%		212,940		-		(50,720)	162,220		52,361	
Total		\$	1,167,187	\$	_	\$	(384,090)	\$ 783,097	\$	312,667	

The financed purchase agreements are direct borrowings that have terms negotiated directly between the City and the creditor. The creditor, without notice to anyone, may declare the entire debt due after continuous default in the payment of any installment of principal or interest or in the performance or observance of any covenant or condition contained in the agreements. Upon such declaration the entire debt shall be immediately due and payable.

In 2014, the City entered into an energy conservation financing agreement with U.S. Bancorp for energy conservation improvements. The original amount of the borrowing was \$773,258. This obligation bears an interest rate of 2.99% and is being paid from the bond retirement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). The individual improvements were less than the City's capitalization threshold and were not capitalized. Therefore, this long-term obligation is not included in the calculation of net investment in capital assets. Payments on the financing agreement are due semi-annually with a maturity date of June 20, 2029.

In 2022, the City entered into lease agreement for the use for the right to use copier equipment. The City has reported intangible - right to use capital assets and corresponding liability for the future scheduled payments under the lease. The lease payments will be paid out of the general fund. Lease payments are reflected as debt service expenditures in the financial statements and as functional expenditures in the budgetary statements. Payments are due monthly and the lease matures in 2027.

In 2023, the City entered into lease agreements for the use for the right to use vehicles. The City has reported intangible - right to use capital assets and corresponding liability for the future scheduled payments under the leases. The lease payments will be paid out of the capital equipment improvement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). Payments are due monthly and the lease matures in 2028.

Compensated absences will be paid from the general fund and the fire, street/public service, police and victims of crime act special revenue funds. The City pays obligations related to employee compensation from the fund benefiting from their service.

For additional information regarding the City's net pension liability and net OPEB liability, see Notes 15 and 16, respectively.

The City's overall legal debt margin was \$23,141,478, with an unvoted debt margin of \$8,957,160 at December 31, 2023.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 11 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for long-term obligations are:

	Ger	eral			OWDA	OPWC Loans -				
Year Ending	 Obligatio	on B	onds		Direct B	Direct Borrowing				
December 31,	 Principal		Interest		Principal		Interest	Principal		
2024	\$ 135,000	\$	89,225	\$	1,292	\$	266	\$	30,876	
2025	140,000		84,700		1,334		227		30,874	
2026	150,000		80,063		1,377		187		30,874	
2027	150,000		76,687		1,422		145		30,874	
2028	155,000		72,350		1,470		102		30,874	
2029 - 2033	685,000		292,175		2,295		69		154,374	
2034 - 2038	690,000		166,800		-		-		151,391	
2039 - 2043	 410,000		30,400						99,470	
Totals	\$ 2,515,000	\$	892,400	\$	9,190	\$	996	\$	559,607	

		Financed	Pur	chases		Energy Co	vation						
Year Ending		Direct Bo	orro	wings	Direct Borrowing			wing		Leases	Paya	yable	
December 31,	I	Principal		Interest	Principal		Interest		Principal			Interest	
2024	\$	312,667	\$	25,044	\$	55,067	\$	9,283	\$	42,632	\$	4,337	
2025		285,423		15,389		56,725		7,625		29,651		3,173	
2026		139,452		6,896		58,435		5,915		30,866		1,958	
2027		38,681		2,053		60,195		4,155		16,568		689	
2028		4,548		174		62,010		2,340		1,804		6	
2029	_	2,326	_	35		31,701	_	474					
Totals	\$	783,097	\$	49,591	\$	324,133	\$	29,792	\$	121,521	\$	10,163	

NOTE 12 - NOTES PAYABLE

On March 9, 2022, the City issued \$4,900,000 to refinance the 2021 bond anticipation notes. \$165,000 of this issue was considered short-term. The bond anticipation notes at December 31, 2022 had an interest rate of 1.25% and an original maturity date of March 8, 2023. On March 7, 2023, the City refinanced the \$4,900,000 bond anticipation note with a \$4,735,000 bond anticipation note. \$170,000 of this issue is considered short-term. The bond anticipation notes outstanding at December 31, 2023 bear an interest rate of 6.125% and mature on March 6, 2024. On March 5, 2024 the City refinanced the \$4,735,000 bond anticipation note with a \$4,565,000 bond anticipation note, see Note 22. The bond anticipation notes are a liability of the general fund. A summary of the bond anticipation note transactions for the year ended December 31, 2023 follows:

	Maturity Date	standing /31/2022	Issued	Retired	Outstanding 12/31/2023		
Governmental activities:							
Bond anticipation notes:							
2022 property acquisition	3/8/2023	\$ 165,000	\$ -	\$ (165,000)	\$	-	
2023 property acquisition	3/7/2024	 	170,000	 		170,000	
Total bond anticipation notes		\$ 165,000	\$ 170,000	\$ (165,000)	\$	170,000	

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 13 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

A. Compensated Absences

Vacation leave is earned at rates which vary depending upon length of service and negotiated agreements. The current policy of union employees covered by negotiated agreements credits vacation leave annually on January 1 and allows the unused balance to be accumulated at levels that depend upon years of service. City employees covered by the negotiated agreements are paid for earned, unused vacation leave at the time of termination of employment. However, non-union employees covered by the personnel policy of the City cannot carry over more than 40 hours of accrued vacation. These employees lose any remaining vacation balances existing at the end of the calendar year. On governmental fund financial statements, a liability is reported for non-union employees for vacation balances that do not carry over beyond the anniversary of their date of hire each year. These amounts are recorded in the account "accrued vacation leave payable" in the funds from which the employees will be paid.

Sick leave is earned at rates that vary depending upon specified personnel policies and union contracts. At retirement, employees will be paid varying portions of their accumulated leave, based on the union agreements and the City personnel policy.

City employees can also earn compensatory time. Compensatory time is paid at one and one-half times an employee's regular rate. Employees with time remaining upon termination of their employment will be paid for any unused compensatory time.

B. Insurance Benefits

Full-time City employees are provided medical/surgical benefits from Medical Mutual of Ohio. The City pays 90 percent for non-union employees, 84 percent for fire and police union employees, and 85 percent of street union employees, of the monthly premiums for the employees. The premium varies with each employee depending on the plan. Department heads and administrative staff receive an amount equal to their annual salary in life insurance, up to \$50,000; the City Manager receives two times his annual salary; police and fire employees receive \$50,000, and street union employees receive \$30,000 in coverage selected. Additionally, the City contributes to health reimbursement accounts for all full-time employees, which serves to pay part of the employees' deductible each year. Employees can purchase dental insurance through Superior Dental Care and vision benefits through Superior Vision. Life insurance is provided through Medical Mutual of Ohio.

C. Deferred Compensation

City employees may participate in the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plan, Ohio Municipal League 457 Deferred Compensation Plan, International City Manager Association 457 Deferred Compensation Plan, or the Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters 457 Deferred Compensation Plan. These plans were created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. Participation is on a voluntary payroll deduction basis. The plans permits deferral of compensation until future years. According to the plans, the deferred compensation is not available until termination, retirement, death, or an unforeseeable emergency.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 14 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The City is a member of the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (The "Pool"). The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the (local entity's) policy. The Pool covers the following risks:

- -General liability and casualty
- Public official's liability
- Cyber
- Law enforcement liability
- Automobile liability
- Vehicles
- Property
- Equipment breakdown

The Pool reported the following summary of assets and actuarially-measured liabilities available to pay those liabilities as of December 31, 2023:

	 2023
Cash and investments	\$ 43,996,442
Actuarial liabilities	\$ 19,743,401

Property and casualty settlements did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three years. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 15 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

The Statewide retirement systems provide both pension benefits and other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

Net Pension Liability/Asset and Net OPEB Liability

The net pension liability/asset and the net OPEB liability reported on the statement of net position represents a liability or asset to employees for pensions and OPEB, respectively.

Pensions and OPEB are a component of exchange transactions – between an employer and its employees – of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions and OPEB are provided to an employee – on a deferred-payment basis – as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period. The obligation to sacrifice resources for pensions is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that already have occurred.

The net pension liability/asset and the net OPEB liability represent the City's proportionate share of each pension/OPEB plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension/OPEB plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension/OPEB liability/asset calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost-of-living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting this estimate annually.

The Ohio Revised Code limits the City's obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The City cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions/OPEB are financed; however, the City does receive the benefit of employees' services in exchange for compensation including pension and OPEB.

GASB 68/75 assumes the liability/asset is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires funding to come from these employers. All pension contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes pension costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits. In addition, health care plan enrollees pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. State statute requires the retirement systems to amortize unfunded pension liabilities within 30 years. If the pension amortization period exceeds 30 years, each retirement system's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension/OPEB liability. Resulting adjustments to the net pension/OPEB liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require, the retirement systems to provide health care to eligible benefit recipients.

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term net pension/OPEB liability/asset on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required pension/OPEB contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in due to other governments on both the accrual and modified accrual bases of accounting.

The remainder of this note includes the pension disclosures. See Note 16 for the OPEB disclosures.

Plan Description - Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Plan Description - City employees, other than full-time police and firefighters, participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple employer public employee retirement system which administers three separate pension plans. The traditional pension plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan and the combined plan is a combination cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit/defined contribution pension plan. Participating employers are divided into state, local, law enforcement and public safety divisions. While members in the state and local divisions may participate in all three plans, law enforcement and public safety divisions exist only within the traditional plan.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 15 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits, and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the traditional and combined plans. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about OPERS' fiduciary net position that may be obtained by visiting https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml, by writing to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling 800-222-7377.

Senate Bill (SB) 343 was enacted into law with an effective date of January 7, 2013. In the legislation, members in the traditional and combined plans were categorized into three groups with varying provisions of the law applicable to each group.

The following table provides age and service requirements for retirement and the retirement formula applied to final average salary (FAS) for the three member groups under the traditional and combined plans as per the reduced benefits adopted by SB 343 (see OPERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report referenced above for additional information, including requirements for reduced and unreduced benefits):

Group A
Eligible to retire prior to
January 7, 2013 or five years
after January 7, 2013

State and Local

Age and Service Requirements:

Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit

Traditional Plan Formula:

2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30

Combined Plan Formula:

1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30

Group B

20 years of service credit prior to January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire ten years after January 7, 2013

State and Local

Age and Service Requirements:

Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit

Traditional Plan Formula:

2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30

Combined Plan Formula:

1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30

Group C

Members not in other Groups and members hired on or after January 7, 2013

State and Local

Age and Service Requirements:

Age 57 with 25 years of service credit or Age 62 with 5 years of service credit

Traditional Plan Formula:

2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 35

Combined Plan Formula:

1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 35

Final average Salary (FAS) represents the average of the three highest years of earnings over a member's career for Groups A and B. Group C is based on the average of the five highest years of earnings over a member's career.

Members who retire before meeting the age and years of service credit requirement for unreduced benefits receive a percentage reduction in the benefit amount. The amount of a member's pension benefit vests upon receipt of the initial benefit payment.

When a traditional plan benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, the member is eligible for an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA). This COLA is calculated on the base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. Members retiring under the combined plan receive a cost-of-living adjustment on the defined benefit portion of their pension benefit. For those who retired prior to January 7, 2013, the cost-of-living adjustment is 3.00%. For those retiring on or after January 7, 2013, beginning in calendar year 2019, the adjustment is based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3.00%.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 15 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Defined contribution plan benefits are established in the plan documents, which may be amended by the Board. Memberdirected plan and combined plan members who have met the retirement eligibility requirements may apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the combined plan consists of the member's contributions plus or minus the investment gains or losses resulting from the member's investment selections. Combined plan members wishing to receive benefits must meet the requirements for both the defined benefit and defined contribution plans. Member-directed participants must have attained the age of 55, have money on deposit in the defined contribution plan and have terminated public service to apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the member-directed plan consists of the members' contributions, vested employer contributions and investment gains or losses resulting from the members' investment selections. Employer contributions and associated investment earnings vest over a five-year period, at a rate of 20.00% each year. At retirement, members may select one of several distribution options for payment of the vested balance in their individual OPERS accounts. Options include the annuitization of the benefit (which includes joint and survivor options and will continue to be administered by OPERS), partial lump-sum payments (subject to limitations), a rollover of the vested account balance to another financial institution, receipt of entire account balance, net of taxes withheld, or a combination of these options. When members choose to annuitize their defined contribution benefit, the annuitized portion of the benefit is reclassified to a defined benefit.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions as follows:

	State and Local Traditional Combined 14.0 % 14.0 % 10.0 % 10.0 %			
	Traditional	Combined		
2023 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates				
Employer	14.0 %	14.0 %		
Employee *	10.0 %	10.0 %		
2023 Actual Contribution Rates				
Employer:				
Pension **	14.0 %	12.0 %		
Post-employment Health Care Benefits **	0.0	2.0		
Total Employer	14.0 %	14.0 %		
Employee	10.0 %	10.0 %		

- * Member contributions within the combined plan are not used to fund the defined benefit retirement allowance.
- ** These pension and employer health care rates are for the traditional and combined plans. The employer contributions rate for the member-directed plan is allocated 4 percent for health care with the remainder going to pension; however, effective July 1, 2022, a portion of the health care rate is funded with reserves.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll.

The City's contractually required contribution for the Traditional Pension Plan, the Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan was \$228,636 for 2023. Of this amount, \$21,343 is reported as due to other governments.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 15 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Plan Description - Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund (OP&F)

Plan Description - City full-time police and firefighters participate in Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by OP&F. OP&F provides retirement and disability pension benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by the Ohio State Legislature and are codified in Chapter 742 of the Ohio Revised Code. OP&F issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial information and required supplementary information and detailed information about OP&F fiduciary net position. The report may be obtained by visiting the OP&F website at www.op-f.org or by writing to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, 140 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-5164.

Upon attaining a qualifying age with sufficient years of service, a member of OP&F may retire and receive a lifetime monthly pension. OP&F offers four types of service retirement: normal, service commuted, age/service commuted and actuarially reduced. Each type has different eligibility guidelines and is calculated using the member's average annual salary. The following discussion of the pension formula relates to normal service retirement.

For members hired after July 1, 2013, the minimum retirement age is 52 for normal service retirement with at least 25 years of service credit. For members hired on or before after July 1, 2013, the minimum retirement age is 48 for normal service retirement with at least 25 years of service credit.

The annual pension benefit for normal service retirement is equal to a percentage of the allowable average annual salary. The percentage equals 2.50% for each of the first 20 years of service credit, 2.00% for each of the next five years of service credit and 1.50% for each year of service credit in excess of 25 years. The maximum pension of 72.00% of the allowable average annual salary is paid after 33 years of service credit (see OP&F Annual Comprehensive Financial Report referenced above for additional information, including requirements for Deferred Retirement Option Plan provisions and reduced and unreduced benefits).

Under normal service retirement, retired members who are at least 55 years old and have been receiving OP&F benefits for at least one year may be eligible for a cost-of-living allowance adjustment. The age 55 provision for receiving a COLA does not apply to those who are receiving a permanent and total disability benefit, statutory survivors and annuity beneficiaries. Members participating in the DROP program have separate eligibility requirements related to COLA.

The COLA amount for members who have 15 or more years of service credit as of July 1, 2013, and members who are receiving a pension benefit that became effective before July 1, 2013, will be equal to 3.00% of the member's base pension benefit.

The COLA amount for members who have less than 15 years of service credit as of July 1, 2013, and members whose pension benefit became effective on or after July 1, 2013, will be equal to a percentage of the member's base pension benefit where the percentage is the lesser of 3.00% or the percentage increase in the consumer price index, if any, over the twelve-month period that ends on the thirtieth day of September of the immediately preceding year, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one percent.

Members who retired prior to July 24, 1986, or their surviving beneficiaries under optional plans are entitled to cost-of-living allowance increases. The annual increase is paid on July 1st of each year. The annual COLA increase is \$360 under a Single Life Annuity Plan with proportional reductions for optional payment plans.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 15 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions as follows:

	Police	Firefighters
2023 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates		
Employer	19.50 %	24.00 %
Employee	12.25 %	12.25 %
2023 Actual Contribution Rates		
Employer:		
Pension	19.00 %	23.50 %
Post-employment Health Care Benefits	0.50 %	0.50 %
Total Employer	19.50 %	24.00 %
Employee	12.25 %	12.25 %

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The City's contractually required contribution to OP&F was \$888,232 for 2023. Of this amount, \$95,646 is reported as due to other governments.

Net Pension Liabilities/Assets, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

The net pension liability and net pension asset for OPERS was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the total pension liability or asset used to calculate the net pension liability or asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. OP&F's total pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2022, and was determined by rolling forward the total pension liability as of January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022. The City's proportion of the net pension liability or asset was based on the City's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities.

Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

						OPERS -			
	(OPERS -		OPERS -		Member-			
	T	raditional	C	ombined		Directed		OP&F	Total
Proportion of the net pension liability/asset prior measurement date	0	.01016300%	0.	01103700%		0.00089700%	(0.15312610%	
Proportion of the net pension liability/asset	0	010120000/	0	0111650007		0.002172000/		144712400/	
current measurement date	0	<u>.01012000</u> %	0.	<u>01116500</u> %		0.00217300%	(<u>).14471340</u> %	
Change in proportionate share	<u>-0</u>	.00004300%	0.	00012800%	:	0.00127600%	-(0.00841270%	
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$	2,989,452	\$	-	\$	-	\$	13,746,370	\$ 16,735,822
Proportionate share of the net pension asset		-		(26,315)		(170)		-	(26,485)
Pension expense		531,777		3,374		(16)		1,675,066	2,210,201

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 15 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

At December 31, 2023, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

		OPERS - raditional		PERS - ombined		OPERS - Member- Directed		OP&F	Total			
Deferred outflows			•									
of resources												
Differences between												
expected and												
actual experience	\$	99,297	\$	1,616	\$	490	\$	206,189	\$	307,592		
Net difference between												
projected and actual earnings												
on pension plan investments		852,086		9,589		76		2,001,302		2,863,053		
Changes of assumptions		31,581		1,741		12		1,239,879		1,273,213		
Changes in employer's												
proportionate percentage/												
difference between												
employer contributions		24,197		_		_		158,208		182,405		
Contributions												
subsequent to the												
measurement date		221,707		6,529		400		888,232		1,116,868		
Total deferred												
outflows of resources	\$	1,228,868	\$	19,475	\$	978	\$	4,493,810	\$	5,743,131		
						OPERS -						
	(OPERS -	0	PERS -		Member-						
		raditional				Directed	OP&F			Total		
Deferred inflows				лионг си		<u>Birottou</u>		0101		10141		
of resources												
Differences between												
expected and												
actual experience	\$	_	\$	3,758	\$	_	\$	313,183	\$	316,941		
Changes of assumptions	Ψ	_	Ψ	5,750	Ψ	_	Ψ	268,050	Ψ	268,050		
Changes in employer's								200,030		200,030		
proportionate percentage/												
difference between												
employer contributions		4,712		_		_		614,899		619,611		
Total deferred		r, / 12						017,077		017,011		
inflows of resources	\$	4,712	\$	3,758	\$		\$	1,196,132	\$	1,204,602		
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^{\$1,116,868} reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from City contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of/increase to the net pension liability/asset in the year ending December 31, 2024.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 15 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

						OPERS -				
	(OPERS -		OPERS -		Member-				
	Traditional		Combined		Directed		OP&F		Total	
Year Ending December 31:		_		_						
2024	\$	136,695	\$	390	\$	82	\$	220,573	\$	357,740
2025		197,534		1,760		86		616,866		816,246
2026		250,809		2,455		86		664,547		917,897
2027		417,411		4,129		99		1,016,690		1,438,329
2028		-		(11)		57		(109,230)		(109,184)
Thereafter				465		168				633
Total	\$	1,002,449	\$	9,188	\$	578	\$	2,409,446	\$	3,421,661

Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the values of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review or modification as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial-reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation. The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022, using the following actuarial assumptions applied to all periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 67.

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results, prepared as of December 31, 2022, compared to the December 31, 2021 actuarial valuation, are presented below.

Wage inflation					
Current measurement date	2.75%				
Prior measurement date	2.75%				
Future salary increases, including inflation					
Current measurement date	2.75% to 10.75% including wage inflation				
Prior measurement date	2.75% to 10.75% including wage inflation				
COLA or ad hoc COLA					
Current measurement date	Pre 1/7/2013 retirees: 3.00%, simple				
	Post 1/7/2013 retirees: 3.00%, simple				
	through 2022, then 2.05% simple				
Prior measurement date	Pre 1/7/2013 retirees: 3.00%, simple				
	Post 1/7/2013 retirees: 3.00%, simple				
	through 2022, then 2.05% simple				
Investment rate of return					
Current measurement date	6.90%				
Prior measurement date	6.90%				
Actuarial cost method	Individual entry age				

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 15 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on 130% of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for State and Local Government divisions and 170% of the Pub-2010 Safety Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for the Public Safety and Law Enforcement divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115% of the PubG-2010 Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. For all of the previously described tables, the base year is 2010 and mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2020 mortality improvement scales (males and females) to all of these tables.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended December 31, 2020.

During 2022, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Defined Benefit portfolio contains the investment assets of the Traditional Pension Plan, the defined benefit component of the Combined Plan and the annuitized accounts of the Member-Directed Plan. Within the Defined Benefit portfolio, contributions into the plans are all recorded at the same time, and benefit payments all occur on the first of the month. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Defined Benefit portfolio was a loss of 12.1% for 2022.

The allocation of investment assets within the Defined Benefit portfolio is approved by the Board as outlined in the annual investment plan. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined benefit pension plans. The long-term expected rate of return on defined benefit investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation. Best estimates of geometric real rates of return were provided by the Board's investment consultant.

For each major asset class that is included in the Defined Benefit portfolio's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2022, these best estimates are summarized in the following table:

A	Target	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Asset Class	Allocation	(Geometric)
Fixed income	22.00 %	2.62 %
Domestic equities	22.00	4.60
Real estate	13.00	3.27
Private equity	15.00	7.53
International equities	21.00	5.51
Risk Parity	2.00	4.37
Other investments	5.00	3.27
Total	100.00 %	

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 15 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability/asset was 6.90%, post-experience study results, for the Traditional Pension Plan, the Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan. The discount rate used to measure total pension liability prior to December 31, 2022 was 6.90%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and those of the contributing employers are made at the contractually required rates, as actuarially determined. 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 for the Traditional Pension Plan, Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability/Asset to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following table presents the proportionate share of the net pension liability/asset calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 6.90%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability/asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (5.90%) or one-percentage-point higher (7.90%) than the current rate:

	Current					
	1% Decrease		Dis	count Rate	1% Increase	
City's proportionate share						
of the net pension liability (asset):						
Traditional Pension Plan	\$	4,478,100	\$	2,989,452	\$	1,751,165
Combined Plan		(13,733)		(26,315)		(36,286)
Member-Directed Plan		(109)		(170)		(217)

Actuarial Assumptions - OP&F

OP&F's total pension liability as of December 31, 2022, is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of January 1, 2022, and rolled-forward using generally accepted actuarial procedures. The total pension liability is determined by OP&F's actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 67, as part of their annual valuation. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing retirement plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment mortality, salary increases, disabilities, retirements and employment terminations. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Experience study assumptions were performed by OP&F's prior actuary and completed as of December 31, 2016. Changes in demographic and economic actuarial assumptions were made. Assumptions considered were: withdrawal rates, disability retirement, service retirement, DROP elections, mortality, percent married and forms of payment, DROP interest rate, CPI-based COLA, investment returns, salary increases and payroll growth. The changes in assumptions are being amortized over the estimated remaining useful lives of the participants which was 5.81 years at December 31, 2022.

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation, prepared as of December 31, 2022, compared to December 31, 2021, are presented below.

Valuation date	1/1/22 with actuarial liabilities rolled forward to 12/31/22
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal (level percent of payroll)
Investment rate of return	
Current measurement date	7.50%
Prior measurement date	7.50%
Projected salary increases	3.75% - 10.50%
Payroll increases	3.25% per annum, compounded annually, consisting of
	inflation rate of 2.75% plus productivity increase rate of 0.50%
Cost of living adjustments	2.20% per year simple

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 15 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Health Mortality

Mortality for service retirees is based on the Pub-2010 Below-Median Safety Amount-Weighted Healthy Retiree mortality table with rates adjusted by 96.2% for males and 98.7% for females. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

Disabled Mortality

Mortality for disabled retirees is based on the Pub-2010 Safety Amount-Weighted Disabled Retiree mortality table with rates adjusted by 135% for males and 97.9% for females. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

Contingent Annuitant Mortality

Mortality for contingent annuitants is based on the Pub- 2010 Below-Median Safety Amount-Weighted Contingent Annuitant Retiree mortality table with rates adjusted by 108.9% for males and 131% for females. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

Pre-Retirement Mortality

Mortality for active members is based on the Pub-2010 Below-Median Safety Amount-Weighted Employee mortality table. All rates are projected using the MP- 2021 Improvement Scale.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended December 31, 2021.

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 expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the 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. The assumption is intended to be a long-term assumption (30 to 50 years) and is not expected to change absent a significant change in the asset allocation, a change in the underlying inflation assumption, or a fundamental change in the market that alters expected returns in future years.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 15 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Best estimates of the long-term expected geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in OP&F's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2022 are summarized below:

Asset Class	TargetAllocation	Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return **
Cash and cash equivalents	0.00 %	0.00 %
Domestic equity	18.60	4.80
Non-US equity	12.40	5.50
Private markets	10.00	7.90
Core fixed income *	25.00	2.50
High yield fixed income	7.00	4.40
Private credit	5.00	5.90
U.S. inflation		
linked bonds *	15.00	2.00
Midstream energy infrastructure	5.00	5.90
Real assets	8.00	5.90
Gold	5.00	3.60
Private real estate	12.00	5.30
Commodities	2.00	3.60
Total	125.00 %	

Note: assumptions are geometric.

OP&F's Board of Trustees has incorporated the risk parity concept into OP&F's asset liability valuation with the goal of reducing equity risk exposure, which reduces overall Total Portfolio risk without sacrificing return and creating a more risk-balanced portfolio based on the relationship between asset classes and economic environments. From the notional portfolio perspective above, the Total Portfolio may be levered up to 1.25 times due to the application of leverage in certain fixed income asset classes.

Discount Rate - The total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 7.50%. A discount rate of 7.50% was used in the previous measurement date. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contributions from employers and from the members would be computed based on contribution requirements as stipulated by State statute. Projected inflows from investment earnings were calculated using the longer-term assumed investment rate of return 7.50%. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, a long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefits to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50%, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.50%), or one percentage point higher (8.50%) than the current rate.

		Current						
	19	1% Decrease Discount Rate		1% Increase				
City's proportionate share								
of the net pension liability	\$	18,134,115	\$	13,746,370	\$	10,098,838		

^{*} levered 2x

^{**} Numbers are net of expected inflation.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 16 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS

Net OPEB Liability

See Note 15 for a description of the net OPEB liability.

Plan Description - Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Plan Description - The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) administers three separate pension plans: the traditional pension plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; the member-directed plan, a defined contribution plan; and the combined plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care trust. The 115 Health Care Trust (115 Trust or Health Care Trust) was established in 2014, under Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The purpose of the 115 Trust is to fund health care for the Traditional Pension, Combined and Member-Directed plans. Medicare-enrolled retirees in the Traditional Pension and Combined plans may have an allowance deposited into a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) account to be used toward the health care program of their choice selected with the assistance of an OPERS vendor. Non-Medicare retirees have converted to an arrangement similar to the Medicare-enrolled retirees and are no longer participating in OPERS provided self-insured group plans.

With one exception, OPERS-provided health care coverage is neither guaranteed nor statutorily required. Ohio law currently requires Medicare Part A equivalent coverage or Medicare Part A premium reimbursement for eligible retirees and their eligible dependents.

OPERS offers a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) allowance to traditional pension plan and combined plan benefit recipients meeting certain age and service credit requirements. The HRA is an account funded by OPERS that provides tax free reimbursement for qualified medical expenses such as monthly post-tax insurance premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, and co-pays incurred by eligible benefit recipients and their dependents.

OPERS members enrolled in the Traditional Pension Plan or Combined Plan retiring with an effective date of January 1, 2022, or after must meet the following health care eligibility requirements to receive an HRA allowance:

Medicare Retirees Medicare-eligible with a minimum of 20 years of qualifying service credit

Non-Medicare Retirees Non-Medicare retirees qualify based on the following age-and-service criteria:

Group A 30 years of qualifying service credit at any age;

Group B 32 years of qualifying service credit at any age or 31 years of qualifying service credit and minimum age 52;

Group C 32 years of qualifying service credit and minimum age 55; or,

A retiree from groups A, B or C who qualifies for an unreduced pension, but a portion of their service credit is not health care qualifying service, can still qualify for health care at age 60 if they have at least 20 years of qualifying health care service credit

Retirees who don't meet the requirement for coverage as a non-Medicare participant can become eligible for coverage at age 65 if they have at least 20 years of qualifying service.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 16 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

Members with a retirement date prior to January 1, 2022 who were eligible to participate in the OPERS health care program will continue to be eligible after January 1, 2022.

Eligible retirees may receive a monthly HRA allowance for reimbursement of health care coverage premiums and other qualified medical expenses. Monthly allowances, based on years of service and the age at which the retiree first enrolled in OPERS coverage, are provided to eligible retirees, and are deposited into their HRA account.

Retirees will have access to the OPERS Connector, which is a relationship with a vendor selected by OPERS to assist retirees participating in the health care program. The OPERS Connector may assist retirees in selecting and enrolling in the appropriate health care plan.

When members become Medicare-eligible, recipients enrolled in OPERS health care programs must enroll in Medicare Part A (hospitalization) and Medicare Part B (medical).

OPERS reimburses retirees who are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A (hospitalization) for their Part A premiums as well as any applicable surcharges (late-enrollment fees). Retirees within this group must enroll in Medicare Part A and select medical coverage, and may select prescription coverage, through the OPERS Connector. OPERS also will reimburse 50.00% of the Medicare Part A premium and any applicable surcharges for eligible spouses. Proof of enrollment in Medicare Part A and confirmation that the retiree is not receiving reimbursement or payment from another source must be submitted. The premium reimbursement is added to the monthly pension benefit.

The heath care trust is also used to fund health care for member-directed plan participants, in the form of a Retiree Medical Account (RMA). At retirement or separation, member directed plan participants may be eligible for reimbursement of qualified medical expenses from their vested RMA balance.

The Ohio Revised Code permits but does not require OPERS to provide health care to its eligible benefit recipients. Authority to establish and amend health care coverage is provided to the Board in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Disclosures for the health care plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by visiting https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml, by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling (614) 222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority allowing public employers to fund postemployment health care through their contributions to OPERS. When funding is approved by OPERS Board of Trustees, a portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside to fund OPERS health care plans. Beginning in 2018, OPERS no longer allocated a portion of its employer contributions to health care for the traditional plan.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the earnable salary of active members. In 2023, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.00% of earnable salary and public safety and law enforcement employers contributed at 18.10%. These are the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund health care.

Each year, the OPERS Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. For 2023, OPERS did not allocate any employer contribution to health care for members in the Traditional Pension Plan and beginning July 1, 2022, there was a 2.00% allocation to health care for the Combined Plan. The OPERS Board is also authorized to establish rules for the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries to pay a portion of the health care provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. The employer contribution as a percentage of covered payroll deposited into the RMA for participants in the member-directed plan for 2023 was 4.00%; however, effective July 1, 2022, a portion of the health care rate was funded with reserves.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 16 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The City's contractually required contribution was \$1,248 for 2023. Of this amount, \$116 is reported as due to other governments.

Plan Description - Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund (OP&F)

Plan Description - The City contributes to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F) sponsored healthcare program, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined post-employment health care plan administered by a third-party provider. This program is not guaranteed and is subject to change at any time upon action of the Board of Trustees. On January 1, 2019, OP&F implemented a new model for health care. Under this new model, OP&F provides eligible retirees with a fixed stipend earmarked to pay for health care and Medicare Part B reimbursements.

OP&F contracted with a vendor who assists eligible retirees in choosing health care plans that are available where they live (both Medicare-eligible and pre-65 populations). A stipend funded by OP&F is available to these members through a Health Reimbursement Arrangement and can be used to reimburse retirees for qualified health care expenses.

Regardless of a benefit recipient's participation in the health care program, OP&F is required by law to pay eligible recipients of a service pension, disability benefit and spousal survivor benefit for their Medicare Part B insurance premium, up to the statutory maximum provided the benefit recipient is not eligible to receive reimbursement from any other source. Once OP&F receives the necessary documentation, a monthly reimbursement is included as part of the recipient's next benefit payment. The stipend provided by OP&F meets the definition of an Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75.

OP&F maintains funds for health care in two separate accounts: one account for health care benefits and one account for Medicare Part B reimbursements. A separate health care trust accrual account is maintained for health care benefits under IRS Code Section 115 trust. IRS Code Section 401(h) account is maintained for Medicare Part B reimbursements.

OP&F maintains funds for health care in two separate accounts: one account for health care benefits and one account for Medicare Part B reimbursements. A separate health care trust accrual account is maintained for health care benefits under IRS Code Section 115 trust. IRS Code Section 401(h) account is maintained for Medicare Part B reimbursements.

OP&F issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial information and required supplementary information for the plan. The report may be obtained by visiting the OP&F website at www.op-f.org or by writing to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, 140 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-5164.

Funding Policy – The Ohio Revised Code provides for contribution requirements of the participating employers and of plan members to the OP&F defined benefit pension plan. Participating employers are required to contribute to the pension plan at rates expressed as percentages of the payroll of active pension plan members, currently 19.50% and 24.00% of covered payroll for police and fire employer units, respectively. The Ohio Revised Code states that the employer contribution may not exceed 19.50% of covered payroll for police employer units and 24.00% of covered payroll for fire employer units. Active members do not make contributions to the OPEB Plan.

The Board of Trustees is authorized to allocate a portion of the total employer contributions for retiree health care benefits. For 2023, the portion of employer contributions allocated to health care was 0.50% of covered payroll. The amount of employer contributions allocated to the health care plan each year is subject to the Trustees' primary responsibility to ensure that pension benefits are adequately funded.

The OP&F Board of Trustees is also authorized to establish requirements for contributions to the health care plan by retirees and their eligible dependents or their surviving beneficiaries. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 16 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

The City's contractually required contribution to OP&F was \$21,352 for 2023. Of this amount, \$2,299 is reported as due to other governments.

Net OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows or Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

The net OPEB liability and total OPEB liability for OPERS were determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2022, by incorporating the expected value of health care cost accruals, the actual health care payment, and interest accruals during the year. OP&F's total OPEB liability was measured as of December 31, 2022, and was determined by rolling forward the total OPEB liability as of January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022. The City's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the City's share of contributions to the retirement plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities.

Following is information related to the proportionate share and OPEB expense:

	OPERS		OP&F		Total
Proportion of the net					
OPEB liability/asset					
prior measurement date	0.0	0981700%	0	.15312610%	
Proportion of the net					
OPEB liability					
current measurement date	0.0	0982700%	0	.14471340%	
Change in proportionate share	0.0	<u>0001000</u> %	- <u>0</u>	.00841270%	
Proportionate share of the net					
OPEB liability	\$	61,961	\$	1,030,318	\$ 1,092,279
OPEB expense		(79,630)		89,632	10,002

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 16 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

At December 31, 2023, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	OPERS		OP&F		Total
Deferred outflows					
of resources					
Differences between					
expected and					
actual experience	\$ -	\$	61,483	\$	61,483
Net difference between					
projected and actual earnings					
on OPEB plan investments	123,056		88,369		211,425
Changes of assumptions	60,519		513,452		573,971
Changes in employer's					
proportionate percentage/					
difference between					
employer contributions	3,507		63,104		66,611
Contributions					
subsequent to the					
measurement date	1,248		21,352		22,600
Total deferred					
outflows of resources	\$ 188,330	\$	747,760	\$	936,090
	OPERS	OP&F		Total	
Deferred inflows					
of resources					
Differences between					
expected and					
actual experience	\$ 15,456	\$	203,156	\$	218,612
Changes of assumptions	4,980		842,713		847,693
Changes in employer's					
proportionate percentage/					
difference between					
employer contributions	1,431		97,587		99,018
Total deferred	 				
inflows of resources	\$ 21,867	\$	1,143,456	\$	1,165,323

\$22,600 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from City contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of/increase to the net OPEB liability in the year ending December 31, 2024.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 16 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

	OPERS		OP&F		Total	
Year Ending December 31:						
2024	\$	22,933	\$	(9,935)	\$	12,998
2025		44,464		(5,360)		39,104
2026		38,373		(51,632)		(13,259)
2027		59,445		(30,184)		29,261
2028		-		(92,503)		(92,503)
Thereafter		-		(227,434)		(227,434)
Total	\$	165,215	\$	(417,048)	\$	(251,833)

Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the values of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review or modification as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of health care costs for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of coverage provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of costs between OPERS and plan members. The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2022.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 16 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

The actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions applied to all prior periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 74:

Wage Inflation	
Current measurement date	2.75%
Prior Measurement date	2.75%
Projected Salary Increases,	
including inflation	
Current measurement date	2.75 to 10.75%
	including wage inflation
Prior Measurement date	2.75 to 10.75%
	including wage inflation
Single Discount Rate:	
Current measurement date	5.22%
Prior Measurement date	6.00%
Investment Rate of Return	
Current measurement date	6.00%
Prior Measurement date	6.00%
Municipal Bond Rate	
Current measurement date	4.05%
Prior Measurement date	1.84%
Health Care Cost Trend Rate	
Current measurement date	5.50% initial,
	3.50% ultimate in 2036
Prior Measurement date	5.50% initial,
	3.50% ultimate in 2034
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age Normal

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on 130% of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for State and Local Government divisions and 170% of the Pub-2010 Safety Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for the Public Safety and Law Enforcement divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115% of the PubG-2010 Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. For all of the previously described tables, the base year is 2010 and mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2020 mortality improvement scales (males and females) to all of these tables.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended December 31, 2020.

During 2022, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Health Care portfolio includes the assets for health care expenses for the Traditional Pension Plan, Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan eligible members. Within the Health Care portfolio, contributions into the plans are assumed to be received continuously throughout the year based on the actual payroll payable at the time contributions are made, and health care-related payments are assumed to occur mid-year. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Health Care portfolio was a loss of 15.6% for 2022.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 16 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

The allocation of investment assets within the Health Care portfolio is approved by the Board as outlined in the annual investment plan. Assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of continuing to offer a sustainable health care program for current and future retirees. The System's primary goal is to achieve and maintain a fully funded status for benefits provided through the defined benefit pension plans. Health care is a discretionary benefit. The long-term expected rate of return on health care investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation. Best estimates of geometric real rates of return were provided by the Board's investment consultant.

For each major asset class that is included in the Health Care's portfolio's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2022, these best estimates are summarized in the following table:

		Weighted Average
		Long-Term Expected
	Target	Real Rate of Return
Asset Class	Allocation	(Geometric)
Fixed Income	34.00 %	2.56 %
Domestic equities	26.00	4.60
Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)	7.00	4.70
International equities	25.00	5.51
Risk parity	2.00	4.37
Other investments	6.00	1.84
Total	100.00 %	

Discount Rate - A single discount rate of 5.22% was used to measure the total OPEB liability on the measurement date of December 31, 2022; however, the single discount rate used at the beginning of the year was 6.00%. Projected benefit payments are required to be discounted to their actuarial present value using a single discount rate that reflects (1) a long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments (to the extent that the health care fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits), and (2) a tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date (to the extent that the contributions for use with the long-term expected rate are not met). This single discount rate was based on the actuarial assumed rate of return on the health care investment portfolio of 6.00% and a municipal bond rate of 4.05%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rate. Based on these assumptions, the health care fiduciary net position and future contributions were sufficient to finance health care costs through the year 2054. As a result, the actuarial assumed long-term expected rate of return on health care investments was applied to projected costs through the year 2054, and the municipal bond rate was applied to all health care costs after that date.

Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following table presents the proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the single discount rate of 5.22%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (4.22%) or one-percentage-point higher (6.22%) than the current rate:

			(Current		
	1% Decrease		Discount Rate		1% Increase	
City's proportionate share						
of the net OPEB liability/(asset)	\$	210,887	\$	61,961	\$	(60,927)

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 16 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rate - Changes in the health care cost trend rate may also have a significant impact on the net OPEB liability. The following table presents the net OPEB liability calculated using the assumed trend rates, and the expected net OPEB liability if it were calculated using a health care cost trend rate that is 1.00% lower or 1.00% higher than the current rate.

Retiree health care valuations use a health care cost trend assumption with changes over several years built into that assumption. The near-term rates reflect increases in the current cost of health care; the trend starting in 2023 is 5.50%. If this trend continues for future years, the projection indicates that years from now virtually all expenditures will be for health care. A more reasonable alternative is the health care cost trend will decrease to a level at, or near, wage inflation. On this basis, the actuaries project premium rate increases will continue to exceed wage inflation for approximately the next decade, but by less each year, until leveling off at an ultimate rate, assumed to be 3.50% in the most recent valuation.

		Current Health Care Trend Rate					
	1%]	Decrease	Assumption		1% Increase		
City's proportionate share				_			
of the net OPEB liability	\$	58,078	\$	61,961	\$	66,332	

Actuarial Assumptions - OP&F

OP&F's total OPEB liability as of December 31, 2022, is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of January 1, 2022, and rolled-forward using generally accepted actuarial procedures. The total OPEB liability is determined by OP&F's actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 74, as part of their annual valuation. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, salary increases, disabilities, retirements and employment terminations. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and plan members to that point. The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations.

Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. For a newly hired employee, actuarial calculations will take into account the employee's entire career with the employer and also take into consideration the benefits, if any, paid to the employee after termination of employment until the death of the employee and any applicable contingent annuitant. In many cases, actuarial calculations reflect several decades of service with the employer and the payment of benefits after termination.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 16 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results, are presented below.

Valuation Date	January 1, 2022, with actuarial liabilities rolled forward to December 31, 2022
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal (Level Percent of Payroll)
Investment Rate of Return	
Current measurement date	7.50%
Prior measurement date	7.50%
Projected Salary Increases	3.75% to 10.50%
Payroll Growth	3.25%
Single discount rate:	
Current measurement date	4.27%
Prior measurement date	2.84%
Cost of Living Adjustments	2.20% simple per year

Health Mortality

Mortality for service retirees is based on the Pub-2010 Below-Median Safety Amount-Weighted Healthy Retiree mortality table with rates adjusted by 96.2% for males and 98.7% for females. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

Disabled Mortality

Mortality for disabled retirees is based on the Pub-2010 Safety Amount-Weighted Disabled Retiree mortality table with rates adjusted by 135% for males and 97.9% for females. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

Contingent Annuitant Mortality

Mortality for contingent annuitants is based on the Pub- 2010 Below-Median Safety Amount-Weighted Contingent Annuitant Retiree mortality table with rates adjusted by 108.9% for males and 131% for females. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

Pre-Retirement Mortality

Mortality for active members is based on the Pub-2010 Below-Median Safety Amount-Weighted Employee mortality table. All rates are projected using the MP- 2021 Improvement Scale.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended December 31, 2021.

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a building-block approach and assumes a time horizon, as defined in OP&F's Statement of Investment Policy. A forecasted rate of inflation serves as a baseline for the return expected. Various real return premiums over the baseline inflation rate have been established for each asset class. The long-term expected nominal rate of return has been determined by calculating a weighted average of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate and adding the expected return from rebalancing uncorrelated asset classes.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 16 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

Best estimates of the long-term expected geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in OP&F's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2022, are summarized below:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return **
Cash and cash equivalents	0.00 %	0.00 %
Domestic equity	18.60	4.80
Non-US equity	12.40	5.50
Private markets	10.00	7.90
Core fixed income *	25.00	2.50
High yield fixed income	7.00	4.40
Private credit	5.00	5.90
U.S. inflation		
linked bonds *	15.00	2.00
Midstream energy infrastructure	5.00	5.90
Real assets	8.00	5.90
Gold	5.00	3.60
Private real estate	12.00	5.30
Commodities	2.00	3.60
Total	125.00 %	

Note: assumptions are geometric.

OP&F's Board of Trustees has incorporated the risk parity concept into OP&F's asset liability valuation with the goal of reducing equity risk exposure, which reduces overall Total Portfolio risk without sacrificing return and creating a more risk-balanced portfolio based on the relationship between asset classes and economic environments. From the notional portfolio perspective above, the Total Portfolio may be levered up to 1.25 times due to the application of leverage in certain fixed income asset classes.

Discount Rate - For 2022, the total OPEB liability was calculated using the discount rate of 4.27%. For 2021, the total OPEB liability was calculated using the discount rate of 2.84%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contributions from employers and from members would be computed based on contribution requirements as stipulated by state statute. Projected inflows from investment earnings were calculated using the longer-term assumed investment rate of return 7.50%. Based on those assumptions, OP&F's fiduciary net position was projected to not be able to make all future benefit payment of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term assumed rate of return on investments of 7.50% was applied to periods before December 31, 2035 and the Municipal Bond Index Rate of 3.65% was applied to periods on and after December 31, 2035, resulting in a discount rate of 4.27%.

^{*} levered 2x

^{**} Numbers are net of expected inflation.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 16 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - Net OPEB liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 4.27%, as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (3.27%), or one percentage point higher (5.27%) than the current rate.

		Current						
	1% Decrease		Discount Rate		1% Increase			
City's proportionate share								
of the net OPEB liability	\$	1,268,739	\$	1,030,318	\$	829,028		

Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rate - The total OPEB liability is based on a medical benefit that is a flat dollar amount; therefore, it is unaffected by a health care cost trend rate. An increase or decrease in the trend rate would have no effect on the total OPEB liability.

NOTE 17 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Litigation

The City is party to legal proceedings. The City is of the opinion that the ultimate disposition of claims will not have a material effect, if any, on the financial condition of the City.

B. Federal and State Grants

For the period January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, the City received federal and State grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies or their designees. Such audits could lead to a request for reimbursement to the grantor agency for expenditures disallowed under the terms of the grant. Based on prior experience, the City believes such disallowance, if any, would not have a material impact on the financial statements.

NOTE 18 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

While reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balance on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts and disbursements. The statement of revenue, expenditures and changes in fund balance -budget and actual (non-GAAP budgetary basis) presented for the general fund and major special revenue funds are presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget.

The major differences between the budget basis and the GAAP basis are that:

- (a) Revenues and other financing sources are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis);
- (b) Expenditures and other financing uses are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis);

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 18 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING - (Continued)

- (c) In order to determine compliance with Ohio law, and to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, total outstanding encumbrances (budget basis) are recorded as the equivalent of an expenditure, as opposed to assigned or committed fund balance for that portion of outstanding encumbrances not already recognized as an account payable (GAAP basis);
- (d) Investments are reported at fair value (GAAP basis) rather than cost (budget basis); and,
- (e) Some funds are included in the general fund (GAAP basis), but have separate legally adopted budgets (budget basis).

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP basis statements (as reported in the fund financial statements) to the budgetary basis statements for all governmental funds for which a budgetary basis statement is presented:

Net Change in Fund Balance

			Street/Public		Fire/EMS and
	General	Fire	Service	Police	Police Income Tax
Budget basis	\$970,012	(\$8,566)	\$132,320	\$732,276	(\$1,816)
Net adjustment for revenue accruals	(45,664)	9,144	94,814	(75,375)	29,867
Net adjustment for expenditure accruals	(77,707)	(177,637)	302,773	(337,692)	1,198
Net adjustment for other sources/uses	271,001	-	(420,000)	-	-
Funds budgeted elsewhere	(258,904)	-	-	-	-
Adjustment for encumbrances	908,152	618,571	355,533	392,864	<u>-</u>
GAAP basis	\$ 1,766,890	\$ 441,512	\$ 465,440	\$ 712,073	\$ 29,249

Certain funds that are legally budgeted in separate special revenue funds are considered part of the general fund on a GAAP basis. This includes the Wright Point fund and contingency reserve fund.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 19 - FUND BALANCE

Fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the City is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of resources in the governmental funds. The constraints placed on fund balance for the major governmental funds and the nonmajor governmental funds are presented below:

Fund balance	General	Fire	Street/Public Service	Police	Fire/EMS and Police Income Tax	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Nonspendable: Materials and supplies inventory	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 83,625	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 83,625
Prepayments	33,915	25,205	18,199	27,056	5 -	138	104,513
Total nonspendable	33,915	25,205	101,824	27,056		138	188,138
Restricted:							
Safety forces	-	1,526,624	-	1,298,129	506,142	18,874	3,349,769
Transportation services	-	-	1,490,264	-	-	1,114,346	2,604,610
Center of Flight program	-	-	-	-	-	63,997	63,997
Street lighting	-	-	-	-	-	214,410	214,410
Drug law enforcement	-	-	-	-	-	877	877
Fire insurance settlements	-	-	-	-	-	80,871	80,871
Community development	-	-	-	-	-	96,852	96,852
Capital improvements	-	-	-	-	-	75,577	75,577
Cemetery purposes						4,170	4,170
Total restricted		1,526,624	1,490,264	1,298,129	506,142	1,669,974	6,491,133
Committed:							
Capital improvements						209,930	209,930
Total committed						209,930	209,930
Assigned:							
Capital improvements	700,000	-	-	-	-	284,032	984,032
Debt service	-	-	-	-	-	434,410	434,410
General government	91,548	-	-	-	-	-	91,548
Community environment	60,632	-	-	-	-	-	60,632
Leisure time activities	1,461	-	-	-	-	-	1,461
Subsequent year appropriations	309,357						309,357
Total assigned	1,162,998					718,442	1,881,440
Unassigned	5,945,587						5,945,587
Total fund balances	\$ 7,142,500	\$ 1,551,829	\$ 1,592,088	\$ 1,325,185	\$ 506,142	\$ 2,598,484	\$ 14,716,228

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 20 - OTHER COMMITMENTS

The City utilizes encumbrance accounting as part of its budgetary controls. Encumbrances outstanding at year end may be reported as part of restricted, committed, or assigned classifications of fund balance. At year end, the City's commitments for encumbrances (less those included in payables) in the governmental funds were as follows:

	Ŋ	Year-End
Fund	Enc	umbrances
General fund	\$	854,366
Fire fund		378,055
Street/public service fund		333,903
Police fund		68,488
Other governmental funds		437,066
Total	\$	2,071,878

NOTE 21 - TAX ABATEMENTS

The City has entered into multiple property tax abatement agreements with property owners under The Ohio Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) program. Under the authority of Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3735.67, the CRA program is an economic development tool administered by municipal and county governments that provides real property tax exemptions for property owners who renovate existing or construct new buildings. CRA's are areas of land in which property owners can receive tax incentives for investing in real property improvements. Under the CRA program, local governments petition to the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) for confirmation of a geographical area in which investment in housing is desired. Once an area is confirmed by the ODSA, local governments may offer real property tax exemptions to taxpayers that invest in that area. Property owners in the CRA can receive temporary tax abatements for renovation of existing structures and new construction in these areas. Property owners apply to the local legislative authority for approval to renovate or construct in the CRA. Upon approval and certification of completion, the amount of the abatement is deducted from the individual or entity's property tax bill.

	City
Tax Abatement Program	Taxes Abated
Community Reinvestment Area	\$ 144,642

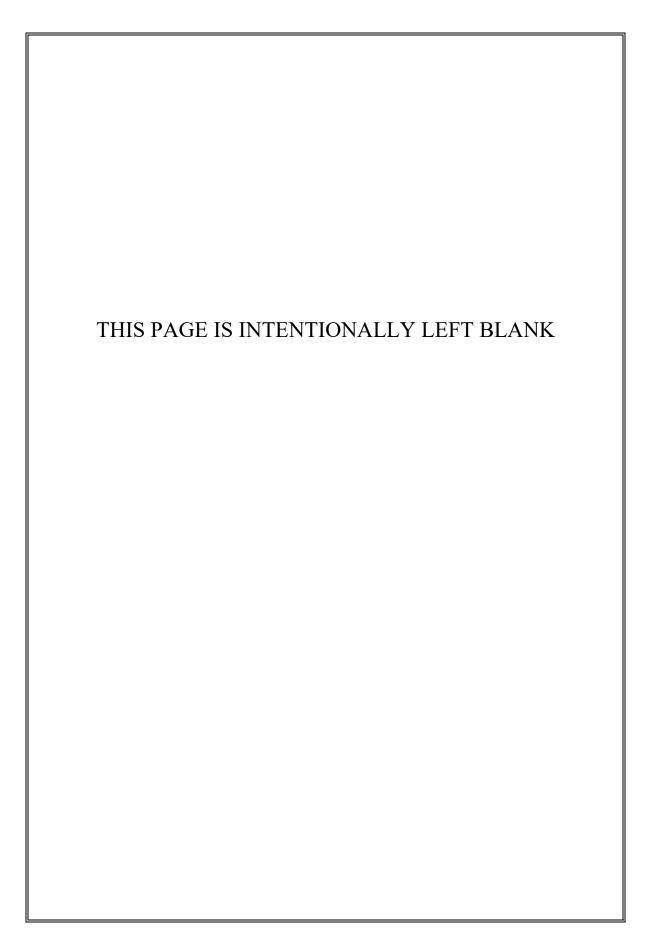
NOTE 22 - SUBSEQUENT EVENT

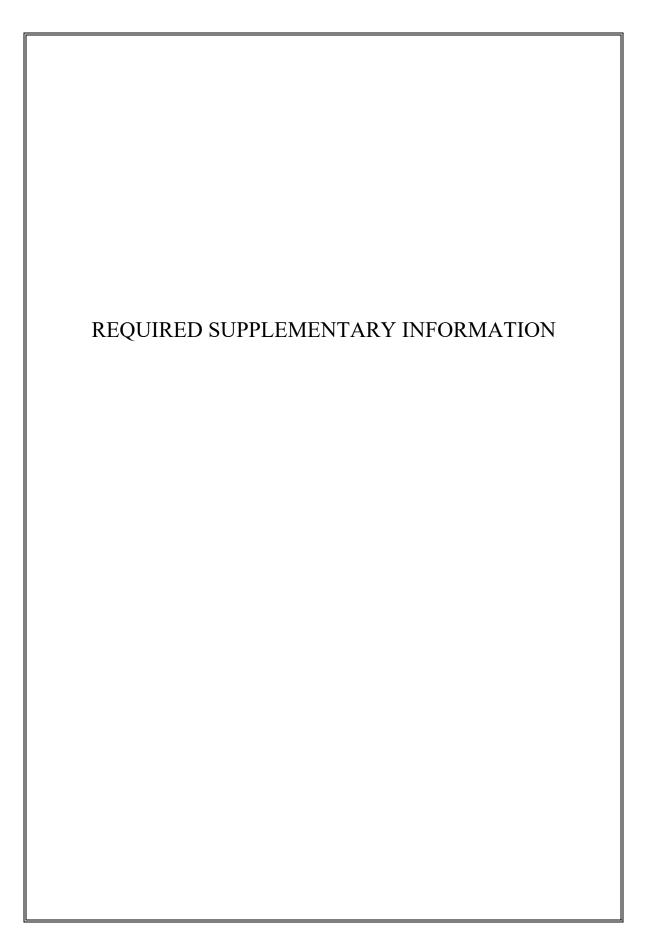
On March 5, 2024, the City issued \$4,565,000 in bond anticipation notes. This issue was used to refinance the 2023 bond anticipation notes described in Note 11. The bond anticipation notes bear an interest rate of 6.75% and mature on March 4, 2025.

NOTE 23 - COVID-19

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio's state of emergency ended in June 2021 while the national state of emergency ended in April 2023. The City will continue to spend available COVID-19 funding consistent with the applicable program guidelines.







SCHEDULES OF THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE CITY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY/NET PENSION ASSET OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS)

LAST TEN YEARS

	2023	2022	2021	2020
Traditional Plan:	 			
City's proportion of the net pension liability	0.010120%	0.010163%	0.009469%	0.008602%
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 2,989,452	\$ 884,222	\$ 1,402,153	\$ 1,700,244
City's covered payroll	\$ 1,571,943	\$ 1,479,900	\$ 1,276,700	\$ 1,234,893
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	190.18%	59.75%	109.83%	137.68%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	75.74%	92.62%	86.88%	82.17%
Combined Plan:				
City's proportion of the net pension asset	0.011165%	0.011037%	0.009738%	0.010765%
City's proportionate share of the net pension asset	\$ 26,315	\$ 43,486	\$ 28,110	\$ 22,448
City's covered payroll	\$ 51,807	\$ 50,029	\$ 42,914	\$ 47,921
City's proportionate share of the net pension asset as a percentage of its covered payroll	50.79%	86.92%	65.50%	46.84%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension asset	137.14%	169.88%	157.67%	145.28%
Member Directed Plan:				
City's proportion of the net pension asset	0.002173%	0.000897%	0.000666%	0.002081%
City's proportionate share of the net pension asset	\$ 170	\$ 163	\$ 121	\$ 79
City's covered payroll	\$ 15,190	\$ 5,630	\$ 4,000	\$ 12,370
City's proportionate share of the net pension asset as a percentage of its covered payroll	1.12%	2.90%	3.03%	0.64%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension asset	126.74%	171.84%	188.21%	118.84%

Note: Amounts for the Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan before 2017 are not available.

Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the City's measurement date which is the prior year-end.

 2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
0.0000470/	0.0007040/	0.0000000/	0.0102200/	0.0102070/	0.0102070/
0.009047%	0.009704%	0.009880%	0.010230%	0.010207%	0.010207%
\$ 2,477,790	\$ 1,522,369	\$ 2,243,580	\$ 1,771,965	\$ 1,231,016	\$ 1,203,213
\$ 1,216,657	\$ 1,287,969	\$ 1,277,675	\$ 1,272,350	\$ 1,252,892	\$ 1,164,023
203.66%	118.20%	175.60%	139.27%	98.25%	103.37%
74.70%	84.66%	77.25%	81.08%	86.45%	86.36%
0.016564%	0.019486%	0.025438%	n/a	n/a	n/a
\$ 18,522	\$ 26,527	\$ 14,158	n/a	n/a	n/a
\$ 70,843	\$ 79,800	\$ 99,017	n/a	n/a	n/a
26.15%	33.24%	14.30%	n/a	n/a	n/a
20.13%	33.2470	14.30%	II/a	II/a	11/4
126.64%	137.28%	116.55%	n/a	n/a	n/a
0.015302%	0.016575%	0.022995%	n/a	n/a	n/a
\$ 349	\$ 578	\$ 96	n/a	n/a	n/a
\$ 87,470	\$ 90,840	\$ 99,475	n/a	n/a	n/a
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0.40%	0.64%	0.10%	n/a	n/a	n/a
113.42%	124.46%	103.40%	n/a	n/a	n/a

SCHEDULES OF THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE CITY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY OHIO POLICE AND FIRE (OP&F) PENSION FUND

LAST TEN YEARS

	2023			2022		2021	2020		
City's proportion of the net pension liability		0.14471340%	(0.15312610%		0.15522150%		0.14996610%	
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$	13,746,370	\$	9,566,433	\$	10,581,589	\$	10,102,518	
City's covered payroll	\$	4,038,855	\$	4,000,832	\$	3,700,394	\$	3,676,956	
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll		340.35%		239.11%		285.96%		274.75%	
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		62.90%		75.03%		70.65%		69.89%	

Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the City's measurement date which is the prior year-end.

 2019	9 2018 2017		2017		18 2017		2016			2015	2014	
0.15261300%	(0.15342700%	(0.14974100%	(0.14821900%	().14421990%	(0.14421990%		
\$ 12,457,253	\$	9,416,530	\$	9,484,406	\$	9,535,032	\$	7,471,192	\$	7,023,962		
\$ 3,592,265	\$	3,441,383	\$	3,148,566	\$	3,071,613	\$	2,928,529	\$	2,551,425		
346.78%		273.63%		301.23%		310.42%		255.12%		275.30%		
63.07%		70.91%		68.36%		66.77%		72.20%		73.00%		

SCHEDULES OF THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF CITY PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS)

LAST TEN YEARS

	 2023	2022	2021	2020	
Traditional Plan:					
Contractually required contribution	\$ 221,707	\$ 220,072	\$ 207,186	\$	178,738
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	 (221,707)	 (220,072)	 (207,186)		(178,738)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 	\$	
City's covered payroll	\$ 1,583,621	\$ 1,571,943	\$ 1,479,900	\$	1,276,700
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%		14.00%
Combined Plan:					
Contractually required contribution	\$ 6,529	\$ 7,253	\$ 7,004	\$	6,008
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	 (6,529)	 (7,253)	 (7,004)		(6,008)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ 	\$ <u>-</u>	\$	
City's covered payroll	\$ 54,408	\$ 51,807	\$ 50,029	\$	42,914
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	12.00%	14.00%	14.00%		14.00%
Member Directed Plan:					
Contractually required contribution	\$ 400	\$ 1,519	\$ 563	\$	400
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	 (400)	 (1,519)	 (563)		(400)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ 	\$	
City's covered payroll	\$ 4,000	\$ 15,190	\$ 5,630	\$	4,000
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%		10.00%

Note: Information prior to 2016 for the Combined Plan was unavailable.

Note: Information prior to 2016 for the Member Directed Plan was unavailable.

 2019	 2018	 2017	2016	 2015	5 2014		
\$ 172,885	\$ 170,332	\$ 167,436	\$ 153,321	\$ 152,682	\$	150,347	
 (172,885)	(170,332)	 (167,436)	 (153,321)	(152,682)		(150,347)	
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	<u>-</u>	
\$ 1,234,893	\$ 1,216,657	\$ 1,287,969	\$ 1,277,675	\$ 1,272,350	\$	1,252,892	
14.00%	14.00%	13.00%	12.00%	12.00%		12.00%	
\$ 6,709	\$ 9,918	\$ 10,374	\$ 11,882				
 (6,709)	(9,918)	 (10,374)	(11,882)				
\$ 	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 				
\$ 47,921	\$ 70,843	\$ 79,800	\$ 99,017				
14.00%	14.00%	13.00%	12.00%				
\$ 1,237	\$ 8,747	\$ 9,084	\$ 11,937				
(1,237)	(8,747)	 (9,084)	 (11,937)				
\$ 	\$ _	\$ _	\$ _				
\$ 12,370	\$ 87,470	\$ 90,840	\$ 99,475				
10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	12.00%				

SCHEDULES OF THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF CITY PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS OHIO POLICE AND FIRE (OP&F) PENSION FUND

LAST TEN YEARS

	2023			2022	2021	2020		
Police:								
Contractually required contribution	\$	486,910	\$	477,799	\$ 466,778	\$	433,979	
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution		(486,910)		(477,799)	 (466,778)		(433,979)	
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$		\$		\$ 	\$		
City's covered payroll	\$	2,562,684	\$	2,514,732	\$ 2,456,726	\$	2,284,100	
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll		19.00%		19.00%	19.00%		19.00%	
Fire:								
Contractually required contribution	\$	401,322	\$	358,169	\$ 362,865	\$	332,829	
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution		(401,322)		(358,169)	 (362,865)		(332,829)	
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$		\$		\$ 	\$		
City's covered payroll	\$	1,707,753	\$	1,524,123	\$ 1,544,106	\$	1,416,294	
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll		23.50%		23.50%	23.50%		23.50%	

 2019	2018	 2017	2016	 2015	 2014
\$ 455,530	\$ 445,614	\$ 417,734	\$ 390,585	\$ 377,919	\$ 357,425
 (455,530)	(445,614)	(417,734)	(390,585)	 (377,919)	 (357,425)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ -
\$ 2,397,526	\$ 2,345,337	\$ 2,198,600	\$ 2,055,711	\$ 1,989,047	\$ 1,881,184
19.00%	19.00%	19.00%	19.00%	19.00%	19.00%
\$ 300,666	\$ 293,028	\$ 292,054	\$ 256,821	\$ 254,403	\$ 246,126
(300,666)	(293,028)	(292,054)	(256,821)	(254,403)	(246,126)
\$ <u>-</u>	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 	\$ <u>-</u>
\$ 1,279,430	\$ 1,246,928	\$ 1,242,783	\$ 1,092,855	\$ 1,082,566	\$ 1,047,345
23.50%	23.50%	23.50%	23.50%	23.50%	23.50%

SCHEDULES OF THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE CITY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY/NET OPEB ASSET OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS)

LAST SEVEN YEARS

	 2023	2022	2021	2020
City's proportion of the net OPEB liability/asset	0.009827%	0.009817%	0.009129%	0.008410%
City's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability/(asset)	\$ 61,961	\$ (307,483)	\$ (162,640)	\$ 1,161,639
City's covered payroll	\$ 1,638,940	\$ 1,535,559	\$ 1,323,614	\$ 1,295,184
City's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability/asset as a percentage of its covered payroll	3.78%	20.02%	12.29%	89.69%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability/asset	94.79%	128.23%	115.57%	47.80%

Note: Information prior to 2017 was unavailable. Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the City's measurement date which is the prior year-end.

 2019	 2018	 2017
0.009517%	0.010260%	0.010777%
0.00751770	0.01020070	0.01077770
\$ 1,240,792	\$ 1,114,160	\$ 1,088,492
\$ 1,374,970	\$ 1,458,609	\$ 1,476,167
90.24%	76.39%	73.74%
46.33%	54.14%	54.05%

SCHEDULES OF THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE CITY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY OHIO POLICE AND FIRE (OP&F) PENSION FUND

LAST SEVEN YEARS

		2023		2022		2021		2020
City's proportion of the net OPEB liability	C	0.14471340%	(0.15312610%	(0.15522150%	(0.14996610%
City's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$	1,030,318	\$	1,678,394	\$	1,644,597	\$	1,481,325
City's covered payroll	\$	4,038,855	\$	4,000,832	\$	3,700,394	\$	3,676,956
City's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered payroll		25.51%		41.95%		44.44%		40.29%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability		52.59%		46.86%		45.42%		47.08%

Note: Information prior to 2017 was unavailable. Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the City's measurement date which is the prior year-end.

	2019		2018		2017
(0.15261300%	(0.15342700%	(0.14974100%
\$	1,389,775	\$	8,692,976	\$	7,107,869
\$	3,592,265	\$	3,441,383	\$	3,148,566
	38.69%		252.60%		225.75%
	46.57%		14.13%		15.96%

SCHEDULES OF THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF CITY OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS)

LAST TEN YEARS

	 2023	 2022	 2021	 2020
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,248	\$ 607	\$ 225	\$ 160
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	 (1,248)	 (607)	 (225)	 (160)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ 	\$ _	\$ _	\$
City's covered payroll	\$ 1,642,029	\$ 1,638,940	\$ 1,535,559	\$ 1,323,614
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	0.08%	0.04%	0.01%	0.01%

 2019	 2018	 2017		2016		2015	2014		
\$ 495	\$ 3,499	\$ 17,312	\$	29,907	\$	59,818	\$	37,490	
 (495)	 (3,499)	 (17,312)		(29,907)		(59,818)		(37,490)	
\$ 	\$ 	\$ -	\$	-	\$		\$		
\$ 1,295,184	\$ 1,374,970	\$ 1,458,609	\$	1,476,167	\$	1,272,350	\$	1,252,892	
0.04%	0.25%	1.19%		2.03%		4.70%		2.99%	

SCHEDULES OF THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF CITY OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS OHIO POLICE AND FIRE (OP&F) PENSION FUND

LAST TEN YEARS

	 2023	 2022	 2021	 2020
Police:				
Contractually required contribution	\$ 12,813	\$ 12,574	\$ 12,284	\$ 11,420
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	 (12,813)	 (12,574)	(12,284)	 (11,420)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 	\$
City's covered payroll	\$ 2,562,684	\$ 2,514,732	\$ 2,456,726	\$ 2,284,100
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%
Fire:				
Contractually required contribution	\$ 8,539	\$ 7,621	\$ 7,721	\$ 7,081
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	 (8,539)	 (7,621)	 (7,721)	(7,081)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ 	\$ 	\$
City's covered payroll	\$ 1,707,753	\$ 1,524,123	\$ 1,544,106	\$ 1,416,294
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%

2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
\$ 11,988	\$ 11,727	\$ 10,993	\$ 10,279	\$ 9,945	\$ 9,405
 (11,988)	 (11,727)	 (10,993)	 (10,279)	 (9,945)	 (9,405)
\$ 	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 	\$
\$ 2,397,526	\$ 2,345,337	\$ 2,198,600	\$ 2,055,711	\$ 1,989,047	\$ 1,881,184
0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%
\$ 6,397	\$ 6,235	\$ 6,214	\$ 15,743	\$ 15,358	\$ 14,643
 (6,397)	 (6,235)	 (6,214)	 (15,743)	 (15,358)	 (14,643)
\$ 	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ 	\$ 	\$ <u>-</u>	\$
\$ 1,279,430	\$ 1,246,928	\$ 1,242,783	\$ 1,092,855	\$ 1,082,566	\$ 1,047,345
0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%

NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

PENSION

OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS)

Changes in benefit terms:

- ^o There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2014.
- ^o There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2015.
- ^o There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2016.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2017.
- ^a There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2018.
- ¹ There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2019.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2020.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2021.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2022.
- ^a There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2023.

Changes in assumptions:

- □ There were no changes in assumptions for 2014.
- ⁿ There were no changes in assumptions for 2015.
- ^o There were no changes in assumptions for 2016.
- ^a For 2017, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) reduction in the actuarially assumed rate of return from 8.00% down to 7.50%, (b) for defined benefit investments, decreasing the wage inflation from 3.75% to 3.25% and (c) changing the future salary increases from a range of 4.25%-10.05% to 3.25%-10.75%.
- ⁿ There were no changes in assumptions for 2018.
- For 2019, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the assumed rate of return and discount rate were reduced from 7.50% down to 7.20%.
- ⁿ There were no changes in assumptions for 2020.
- ⁿ There were no changes in assumptions for 2021.
- For 2022, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) wage inflation was changed from 3.25% to 2.75%, (b) future salary increases, including inflation were changed from 3.25%-10.75% to 2.75%-10.75%, (c) COLA for post 1/7/2013 retirees were changed from 0.50%, simple through 2021, then 2.15% simple to 3.00%, simple through 2022, then 2.05% simple and (d) the actuarially assumed rate of return was changed from 7.20% to 6.90%.
- ⁿ There were no changes in assumptions for 2023.

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NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

PENSION

OHIO POLICE AND FIRE (OP&F) PENSION FUND

Changes in benefit terms:

- ^a There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2014.
- ¹¹ There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2015.
- ¹¹ There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2016.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2017.
- ^a There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2018.
- ¹ There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2019.
- ^a There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2020.
- ^a There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2021.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2022.
- ^a There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2023.

Changes in assumptions:

- □ There were no changes in assumptions for 2014.
- ⁿ There were no changes in assumptions for 2015.
- □ There were no changes in assumptions for 2016.
- ⁿ There were no changes in assumptions for 2017.
- For 2018, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) reduction in the actuarially assumed rate of return from 8.25% down to 8.00%, (b) changing the future salary increases from a range of 4.25%-11.00% to 3.75%-10.50%, (c) reduction in payroll increases from 3.75% down to 3.25%, (d) reduction in inflation assumptions from 3.25% down to 2.75% and (e) Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) were reduced from 2.60% and 3.00% simple to 2.20% and 3.00% simple.
- There were no changes in assumptions for 2019.
- ¹ There were no changes in assumptions for 2020.
- ⁿ There were no changes in assumptions for 2021.
- For 2022, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the actuarially assumed rate of return was changed from 8.00% to 7.50%.
- ^a For 2023, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the mortality rates were changed from the RP-2014 Total Employee and Healthy Annuitant mortality tables to various Pub-2010 mortality tables using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

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NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS)

Changes in benefit terms:

- ^a There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2017.
- ¹¹ There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2018.
- ¹ There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2019.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2020.
- For 2021, the following were the most significant changes in benefit terms since the prior measurement date: the Board approved several changes to the health care plan offered to Medicare and non-Medicare retirees in efforts to decrease costs and increase the solvency of the health care Plan. These changes are effective January 1, 2022 and include changes to base allowances and eligibility for Medicare retirees, as well as replacing OPERS-sponsored medical plans for non-Medicare retirees with monthly allowances, similar to the program for Medicare retirees. These changes are reflected in the December 31, 2020 measurement date health care valuation. These changes significantly decreased the total OPEB liability for the measurement date December 31, 2020.
- ¹ There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2022.
- ¹² There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2023.

Changes in assumptions:

- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for 2017.
- ^a For 2018, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) reduction in the actuarially assumed rate of return from 4.23% down to 3.85%.
- For 2019, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affect the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate was increased from 3.85% up to 3.96%, (b) The investment rate of return was decreased from 6.50% percent down to 6.00%, (c) the municipal bond rate was increased from 3.31% up to 3.71% and (d) the health care cost trend rate was increased from 7.50%, initial/3.25%, ultimate in 2028 up to 10.00%, initial/3.25% ultimate in 2029.
- For 2020, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affect the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate was decreased from 3.96% up to 3.16%, (b) the municipal bond rate was decreased from 3.71% up to 2.75% and (c) the health care cost trend rate was increased from 10.50%, initial/3.25%, ultimate in 2029 up to 10.50%, initial/3.50% ultimate in 2030.
- For 2021, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affect the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate was increased from 3.16% up to 6.00%, (b) the municipal bond rate was decreased from 2.75% up to 2.00% and (c) the health care cost trend rate was decreased from 10.50%, initial/3.50%, ultimate in 2030 down to 8.50%, initial/3.50% ultimate in 2035.
- For 2022, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affect the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) wage inflation changed from 3.25% to 2.75%, (b) projected salary increases, including inflation changed from 3.25%-10.75% to 2.75%-10.75%, (c) the municipal bond rate was changed from 2.00% to 1.84% and (d) the health care cost trend rate was changed from 8.50% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2035 to 5.50% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2034.
- For 2023, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affect the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the single discount rate changed from 6.00% to 5.22%, (b) the municipal bond rate was changed from 1.84% to 4.05% and (c) the health care cost trend rate was changed from 5.50% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2034 to 5.50% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2036.

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NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

OHIO POLICE AND FIRE (OP&F) PENSION FUND

Changes in benefit terms:

- ^a There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2017.
- ¹ There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2018.
- ^a For 2019, OP&F changed its retiree health care model from a self-insured health care plan to a stipend-based health care model.
- ¹ There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2020.
- ^o There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2021.
- ^a There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2022.
- ⁿ There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2023.

Changes in assumptions:

- ^a There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for 2017.
- For 2018, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) DROP interest rate was reduced from 4.50% to 4.00%, (b) CPI-based COLA was reduced from 2.60% to 2.20%, (c) investment rate of return was reduced from 8.25% to 8.00%, (d) salary increases were reduced from 3.75% to 3.25% and (e) payroll growth was reduced from 3.75% to 3.25%.
- For 2019, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affect the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate was increased from 3.24% up to 4.66%.
- For 2020, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affect the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate was decreased from 4.66% up to 3.56%.
- For 2021, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affect the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate was decreased from 3.56% down to 2.96%.
- For 2022, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affect the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the investment rate of return was changed from 8.00% to 7.50% and (b) the discount rate was changed from 2.96% to 2.84%.
- For 2023, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affect the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate was changed from 2.84% to 4.27% and (b) the mortality rates were changed from the RP-2014 Total Employee and Healthy Annuitant mortality tables to to various Pub-2010 mortality tables using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.



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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

City of Riverside Montgomery County 5200 Springfield Street, Suite 100 Riverside, Ohio 45431

To the Members of the City Council and Mayor:

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 governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Riverside, Montgomery County, Ohio, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Riverside's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 24, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City of Riverside's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Riverside's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Riverside'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 City of Riverside'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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items 2023-001 and 2023-003 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

City of Riverside Montgomery County

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*

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Riverside'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 financial statements. 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 an instance of noncompliance or other matter that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2023-002.

City of Riverside's Responses to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the City of Riverside's responses to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The City of Riverside's responses were not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

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 City of Riverside'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 City of Riverside's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Julian & Grube, Inc.

Julian & Sube, the.

June 24, 2024

CITY OF RIVERSIDE MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES DECEMBER 31, 2023

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS						
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS						
Finding Number	2023-001					

Significant Deficiency - Financial Reporting

Accurate financial reporting is required in order to provide management and other stakeholders with objective and timely information to enable well-informed decisions. Presentation of materially correct financial statements and the related footnotes is the responsibility of management. This responsibility remains intact even if management decides to outsource this function for efficiency purposes or any other reason. In either case, it is important that control procedures are developed related to the financial statements that enable management to identify, prevent, detect and correct potential misstatements in the financial statements and footnotes. In general, an accounting and information system should be designed to provide management with accurate and timely information.

The following adjustments were made to the financial statements.

- In the State Highway Fund (a nonmajor governmental fund) intergovernmental revenues and cash were decreased and in the Street/Public Service Fund intergovernmental revenues and cash were increased by \$101,177. These adjustments were to properly record revenues for these funds, the City had updated their financial accounting system to correct the fund balances.
- Various amounts in the Final and Actual columns of the Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) of the General Fund, Fire Fund, Street/Public Service Fund, and the Police Fund were adjusted to properly align with the appropriations approved by Council and the actual cash basis activity.

Control procedures not properly developed related to the financial statements limits management's ability to identify, prevent, detect, and correct potential misstatements in the financial statements and footnotes. Additionally, management will not have the necessary information to make timely and well-informed business decisions.

We recommend the City implement additional control procedures that enable management to more timely prevent or detect and correct potential misstatements in the financial statements and related notes prior to presenting them to the auditors.

<u>Client Response</u>: The finance department changed processes in 2024 that allows for closer monitoring of receipt transactions – a general ledger line review of draft receipts is being done before receipts are posted to the accounting system and reviews of summarized totals for year-to-date activity from the revenue source, when available, are being used to verify YTD posted amounts.

Finding Number	2023-002

Noncompliance

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(B) requires that no subdivision is to expend money unless it has been appropriated. In addition, Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.40 outlines the requirements for amending and supplementing appropriations. This section states that any amendments to an appropriation measure be made by Board resolution and comply with the same provisions of the law as used in making the original appropriations.

The City did not properly modify its appropriations throughout the year or at year end. Due to not properly modifying appropriations, expenditures exceeded Council approved appropriations at the legal level of control in the Street/Public Service Fund and the Fire/EMS and Police Income Tax Fund.

By not timely and properly modifying appropriations, the City risks not adequately monitoring appropriations versus expenditures. With expenditures exceeding appropriations, overspending may occur which may result in a negative fund balance.

CITY OF RIVERSIDE MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES DECEMBER 31, 2023

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS						
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS (CONTINUED)						
Finding Number	2023-002 (Continued)					

We recommend the City comply with the Ohio Revised Code by monitoring expenditures, so they do not exceed lawful appropriations. This may be achieved by monitoring the budget more closely on a continual basis and making appropriation amendments as necessary, subsequent to the passage of permanent appropriations.

<u>Client Response:</u> The City has implemented new procedures and rolled out training to make sure all internal teams understand our legal level of control. The new accounting system will be updated as appropriations are updated by council ordinances. Configurations have been made that do not allow expenditures to exceed appropriations when processing orders. Additionally, the City eliminated the need to appropriate for the transfer of income tax monies received by direct receipting into other applicable funds.

Finding Number	2023-003
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Significant Deficiency – Bank Reconciliations

The completion of timely monthly bank reconciliations to zero unidentified differences is critical to financial data reporting for both the City's Council and its citizens. The City Finance Director is responsible for reconciling the book (fund) balance to the total cash (bank) balance with zero unidentified variances on a monthly basis and the City Council is responsible for reviewing the reconciliations and related support.

The City's monthly reconciliations for December 31, 2023, contained \$9,446 of variances that were not identified. The unidentified amount at December 31, 2022, was \$4,422, at December 31, 2021, was \$7,615 and at December 31, 2020, was \$8,025. The City's fund balances are understated \$9,446.

Without completing timely monthly bank reconciliations to zero unidentified variances the City is at risk of accounting errors, theft and fraud to occur without timely detection.

We recommend the City Council approve and record a miscellaneous receipt in the General Fund for \$9,446.

<u>Client Response:</u> Management will request City Council approve an adjustment in 2024 to clean-up the prior year unidentified difference between the banks and the books for the City. There are zero unidentified differences on 2024 bank reconciliations through the most current reconciliation for June 2024.



SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2023

Finding Number 2022-001	Year Initially Occurred	Finding Summary Significant Deficiency – Financial Reporting – Accurate financial reporting is required in order to provide management and other stakeholders with objective and timely information to enable well-informed decisions. Certain adjustments were	Status Not Corrected	Additional Information Repeated as Finding 2023- 001 as audit adjustments were necessary to properly state financial statement amounts and the related notes.
2022-002	2022	made to the financial statements and related notes. Noncompliance — Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(B) requires that no subdivision is to expend money unless it has been appropriated. In addition, Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.40 outlines the requirements for amending and supplementing appropriations. This section states that any amendments to an appropriation measure be made by Board resolution and comply with the same provisions of the law as used in making the original appropriations. The City did not timely and properly modify its appropriations throughout the year or at year end. Due to not timely and properly modifying appropriations, disbursements exceeded Council approved appropriations for certain budgetary line items in certain funds.	Not Corrected	Repeated as Finding 2023-002 as the City did not properly modify its appropriations throughout the year or at year end. Due to not properly modifying appropriations, disbursements exceeded Council approved appropriations at the legal level of control in certain funds.
2022-003	2021	Significant Deficiency – Bank Reconciliations – The completion of timely monthly bank reconciliations to zero unidentified differences is critical to financial data reporting for both the City's Council and its citizens. The City Finance Director is responsible for reconciling the book (fund) balance to the total cash (bank) balance with zero unidentified variances on a monthly basis and the City Council is responsible for reviewing the reconciliations and related support. The City's monthly bank reconciliations contained unidentified variances and improperly excluded accurate reconciliations of three bank accounts.	Not Corrected	Repeated as Finding 2023- 003 as monthly bank reconciliation variances and improper exclusions of accurate reconciliations were not resolved.





CITY OF RIVERSIDE

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report, which is required to be filed pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in the Office of the Ohio Auditor of State in Columbus, Ohio.



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