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**CITY OF IRONTON
LAWRENCE COUNTY
DECEMBER 31, 2019**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the City Council:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying modified cash-basis financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Ironton, Lawrence County, Ohio (the City), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash accounting basis Note 1 describes. This responsibility includes determining that the modified cash accounting basis is acceptable for the circumstances. Management is also responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the City's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinions.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash financial position of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Ironton, Lawrence County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2019, and the respective changes in modified cash financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting basis described in Note 1.

Accounting Basis

Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(B) requires the City to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis applied to these statements. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis other than generally accepted accounting principles. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 14 to the financial statements, the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of the City. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

As discussed in Note 15 to the financial statements, the 2019 financial statements have been restated to correct a misstatement to intergovernmental revenue and capital outlay in Other Governmental Funds. This restatement does not affect our opinion.

Other Matters

Other Information

We applied no procedures to management's discussion & analysis and schedules of net pension and other post-employment benefit liabilities and pension and other post-employment benefit contributions as listed in the table of contents. Accordingly, we express no opinion or any other assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 18, 2020, except for Note 15 which is as of February 25, 2021, on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith Faber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio
August 18, 2020, except for Note 15, which is as of February 25, 2021

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CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

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The discussion and analysis of the City of Ironton's financial performance provides an overall review of the City's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the City's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and financial statements to enhance their understanding of the City's financial performance.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for 2019 are as follows:

- ❑ In total, net position increased \$2,018,918. Net position of governmental activities increased \$428,562, which represents a 20% change from 2018. Net position of business-type activities increased \$1,590,356, from a beginning of year balance of \$1,333,179.
- ❑ General receipts accounted for \$6,048,638, or 37% of all receipts. Program specific receipts in the form of charges for services and sales, operating grants and contributions, and capital grants and contributions accounted for \$10,410,543, or 63% of total receipts of \$16,459,181.
- ❑ The City had \$8,523,341 in disbursements related to governmental activities; only \$4,883,158 of these disbursements were offset by program specific charges for services and sales, operating grants and contributions, and capital grants and contributions. General receipts (primarily taxes) of \$4,153,745 and net position were adequate to provide for these programs.
- ❑ Among major funds, the general fund had \$5,634,706 in receipts and \$5,416,271 in disbursements. The general fund's fund balance increased \$133,435.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, as applicable to the City's modified cash basis of accounting.

Report Components

The statement of net position and the statement of activities provide information about the modified cash activities of the City as a whole. Fund financial statements provide a greater level of detail. Funds are created and maintained on the financial records of the City as a way to segregate money whose use is restricted to a particular specified purpose. These statements present financial information by fund, presenting funds with the largest balances or most activity in separate columns. The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the City's government-wide and fund financial statements and provide expanded explanation and detail regarding the information reported in the statements.

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Basis of Accounting

The basis of accounting is a set of guidelines that determine when financial events are recorded. The City has elected to present its financial statements on a modified cash basis of accounting. This basis of accounting is a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Under the City's modified cash basis of accounting, receipts and disbursements are recorded when cash is received or paid. As a result of using the modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable) are not recorded in the financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this report, the reader must keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the modified cash basis of accounting.

Government-Wide Statements

The statement of net position and the statement of activities reflect how the City did financially during the year, within the limitations of modified cash basis accounting. The statement of net position presents the cash balances and investments of the governmental activities of the City at fiscal year-end. The statement of activities compares cash disbursements with program receipts for each governmental program. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services and grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. General receipts and interest are all receipts not classified as program receipts. The comparison of cash disbursements with program receipts identifies how each governmental function draws from the City's general receipts. These statements report the City's cash position and the changes in cash position. Keeping in mind the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting, you can think of these changes as one way to measure the City's financial health. Over time, increases or decreases in the City's cash position is one indicator of whether the City's financial health is improving or deteriorating. When evaluating the City's financial condition, you should also consider other nonfinancial factors such as the City's property tax base, the condition of the City's capital assets, the extent of the City's debt obligations, the reliance on non-local financial resources for operations and the need for continued growth in the major local receipt sources such as property taxes.

The government-wide financial statements of the City are divided into two categories:

- Governmental Activities – Most of the City's programs and services are reported here including general government, public safety, street maintenance, construction and repair, health and social services, and recreation.
- Business-Type Activities – These services are provided on a charge for goods or services basis to recover all of the costs of the goods or services provided. The City's water, sewer, refuse collection, and storm water services are reported as business-type activities.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the City's most significant funds, not the City as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the City uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes.

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Governmental Funds – Most of the City's activities are reported in governmental funds. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed view of the City's governmental operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent to finance the City's programs. The City's significant governmental funds are presented on the financial statements in separate columns. The information for nonmajor funds (funds whose activity or balances are not large enough to warrant separate reporting) is combined and presented in total in a single column. The programs reported in governmental funds are closely related to those reported in the governmental activities section of the entity-wide statements. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

Proprietary Funds – When the City charges customers for the services it provides, these services are generally reported in proprietary funds. When the services are provided to the general public, the activity is reported as an enterprise fund. When the services are provided to other departments of the City, the service is reported as an internal service fund.

Fiduciary Funds – Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are *not* reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are *not* available to support the City's own programs. All of the City's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate Statement of Fiduciary Net Position and Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CITY AS A WHOLE

The following table provides a comparison of the City's net position at December 31, 2019 and 2018:

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2019	Restated 2018	2019	2018	2019	Restated 2018
Assets:						
Pooled Cash and Investments	\$2,616,030	\$2,187,468	\$2,098,967	\$616,116	\$4,714,997	\$2,803,584
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0	0	824,568	717,063	824,568	717,063
Total Assets	<u>2,616,030</u>	<u>2,187,468</u>	<u>2,923,535</u>	<u>1,333,179</u>	<u>5,539,565</u>	<u>3,520,647</u>
Net Position:						
Restricted	1,910,754	1,617,574	0	0	1,910,754	1,617,574
Unrestricted	705,276	569,894	2,923,535	1,333,179	3,628,811	1,903,073
Total Net Position	<u>\$2,616,030</u>	<u>\$2,187,468</u>	<u>\$2,923,535</u>	<u>\$1,333,179</u>	<u>\$5,539,565</u>	<u>\$3,520,647</u>

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Changes in Net Position – The following table shows the changes in net position for 2019 and 2018:

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	Total
	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018
Receipts						
Program Receipts:						
Charges for Services and Sales	\$2,437,172	\$2,204,166	\$5,527,385	\$5,313,224	\$7,964,557	\$7,517,390
Operating Grants and Contributions	1,595,451	773,909	0	0	1,595,451	773,909
Capital Grants and Contributions	850,535	51,170	0	0	850,535	51,170
Total Program Receipts	<u>4,883,158</u>	<u>3,029,245</u>	<u>5,527,385</u>	<u>5,313,224</u>	<u>10,410,543</u>	<u>8,342,469</u>
General Receipts:						
Taxes	3,322,907	3,142,752	0	0	3,322,907	3,142,752
Intergovernmental, Unrestricted	391,234	364,205	0	0	391,234	364,205
Investment Earnings	27,198	15,576	26,748	18,969	53,946	34,545
Bond Issuance	0	0	1,868,145	0	1,868,145	0
Miscellaneous	412,406	387,098	0	0	412,406	387,098
Total General Receipts	<u>4,153,745</u>	<u>3,909,631</u>	<u>1,894,893</u>	<u>18,969</u>	<u>6,048,638</u>	<u>3,928,600</u>
Total Receipts	<u>9,036,903</u>	<u>6,938,876</u>	<u>7,422,278</u>	<u>5,332,193</u>	<u>16,459,181</u>	<u>12,271,069</u>
Program Disbursements						
Security of Persons and Property	3,421,307	3,459,274	0	0	3,421,307	3,459,274
Public Health and Welfare Services	41,298	206,221	0	0	41,298	206,221
Leisure Time Activities	106,061	98,541	0	0	106,061	98,541
Community Environment	890,712	62,781	0	0	890,712	62,781
Transportation	502,218	442,305	0	0	502,218	442,305
General Government	2,257,463	2,095,620	0	0	2,257,463	2,095,620
Capital Outlay	958,986	30,752	0	0	958,986	30,752
Debt Service:						
Principal Retirement	270,355	264,531	0	0	270,355	264,531
Interest and Fiscal Charges	74,941	82,557	0	0	74,941	82,557
Water	0	0	2,738,098	2,370,825	2,738,098	2,370,825
Sewer	0	0	1,782,985	1,732,504	1,782,985	1,732,504
Sanitation	0	0	702,706	722,626	702,706	722,626
Storm Water	0	0	693,133	876,865	693,133	876,865
Total Disbursements	<u>8,523,341</u>	<u>6,742,582</u>	<u>5,916,922</u>	<u>5,702,820</u>	<u>14,440,263</u>	<u>12,445,402</u>
Change in Net Position Before Advances	513,562	196,294	1,505,356	(370,627)	2,018,918	(174,333)
Advances	<u>(85,000)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>85,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Change in Net Position	428,562	196,294	1,590,356	(370,627)	2,018,918	(174,333)
Beginning Net Position - Restated	<u>2,187,468</u>	<u>1,991,174</u>	<u>1,333,179</u>	<u>1,703,806</u>	<u>3,520,647</u>	<u>3,694,980</u>
Ending Net Position	<u>\$2,616,030</u>	<u>\$2,187,468</u>	<u>\$2,923,535</u>	<u>\$1,333,179</u>	<u>\$5,539,565</u>	<u>\$3,520,647</u>

Governmental Activities

Net position of the City's Governmental Activities increased \$428,562. An increase in operating grants and contributions and community environment disbursements was the result of grant monies received for the second phase of the gateway project. Capital grants included \$723,902 received from the Ohio Department of Transportation for trail and walkway improvements.

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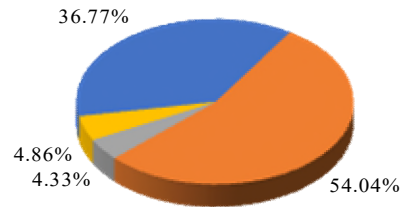
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The City also receives an income tax, which is based on 1.0% of all salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation and on net profits earned from residents living within the City and businesses operating in the City.

Taxes made up 37% of receipts for governmental activities in 2019. The City's reliance upon tax receipts is demonstrated by the following graph:

Receipts	2019	Percent of Total
Taxes	\$3,322,907	36.77%
Program Receipts	4,883,158	54.04%
Intergovernmental, Unrestricted	391,234	4.33%
General Other	439,604	4.86%
Total Receipts	<u>\$9,036,903</u>	<u>100.00%</u>



Business-type Activities

Net position of the City's business-type activities increased \$1,590,356. Charges for services and disbursements were consistent with the prior year. The increase in net position can be attributed to the issuance of \$1,868,145 of general obligation bonds.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CITY'S FUNDS

The City's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$2,611,488, which is an increase from last year's balance of \$2,184,873. The schedule below indicates the fund balance and the total change in fund balance as of December 31, 2019 and 2018:

	Fund Balance December 31, 2019	Restated Fund Balance December 31, 2018	Increase (Decrease)
General	\$700,734	\$567,299	\$133,435
Other Governmental	1,910,754	1,617,574	293,180
Total	<u>\$2,611,488</u>	<u>\$2,184,873</u>	<u>\$426,615</u>

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General Fund – The City’s General Fund balance change is due to many factors. The tables that follow assist in illustrating the financial activities and balance of the General Fund:

	2019 Receipts	2018 Receipts	Increase (Decrease)
Taxes	\$2,890,419	\$2,733,724	\$156,695
Intergovernmental Receipts	468,331	417,510	50,821
Charges for Services	1,710,616	1,699,119	11,497
Licenses and Permits	36,216	72,398	(36,182)
Investment Earnings	16,806	9,823	6,983
Fines and Forfeitures	267,833	272,063	(4,230)
All Other Receipts	244,485	247,770	(3,285)
Total	\$5,634,706	\$5,452,407	\$182,299

General Fund receipts increased \$182,299, or approximately 3%. An increase in taxes can be attributed to an increase in income taxes. An increase in intergovernmental receipts was the result of grants received for a bike trail project. A decline in licenses and permits can be attributed to a decrease in receipts for birth and death certificates, and food service inspections, which was the result of City health department functions being transferred to the County.

	2019 Disbursements	2018 Disbursements	Increase (Decrease)
Current:			
Security of Persons and Property	\$2,912,641	\$2,966,192	(\$53,551)
Public Health and Welfare Services	41,298	206,221	(164,923)
Community Environment	33,731	30,016	3,715
General Government	1,952,487	1,922,797	29,690
Capital Outlay	235,084	30,752	204,332
Debt Service:			
Principal Retirement	191,203	186,953	4,250
Interest and Fiscal Charges	49,827	58,667	(8,840)
Total	\$5,416,271	\$5,401,598	\$14,673

General Fund disbursements increased \$14,673, or less than 1%. In 2018, City health department functions were transferred to the County, resulting in a decrease in public health and welfare in 2018 and 2019. A decrease in security of persons and property can be attributed to a decrease in salaries and benefits. An increase in capital outlay can be attributed to a riverfront bike trail project.

The City’s budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund.

For the General Fund, actual budget basis receipts of \$5.1 million did not significantly change from original and final budget estimates. Actual budget basis disbursements of \$5.2 million did not significantly change from original and final budget estimates. The General Fund actual fund balance at year end was \$465,829.

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DEBT ADMINISTRATION

The following table summarizes the City's debt outstanding as of December 31, 2019 and 2018:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Business-Type Activities:		
Ohio Water Development Authority Loans	\$751,282	\$777,491
Ohio Public Works Commission Loans	195,358	215,039
General Obligation Bonds	<u>11,454,145</u>	<u>10,672,890</u>
Total Business-Type Activities	<u>12,400,785</u>	<u>11,665,420</u>
Governmental Activities:		
General Obligation Bonds	1,245,360	1,415,490
Installment Loans	531,587	631,812
Police and Firemen's Accrued Pension	<u>328,794</u>	<u>343,586</u>
Total Governmental Activities	<u>2,105,741</u>	<u>2,390,888</u>
Totals	<u><u>\$14,506,526</u></u>	<u><u>\$14,056,308</u></u>

Under current state statutes, the City's general obligation bonded debt issues are subject to a legal limitation based on 10.50% of the total assessed value of real and personal property. At December 31, 2019, the City's outstanding debt was below the legal limit. Additional information on the City's long-term debt can be found in Note 9.

ECONOMIC FACTORS

City Council continues to pursue new revenue sources, while reviewing the possibility of increasing existing sources, in addition to a continued review of reducing expenditures. A close watch of current economic conditions is ongoing to determine if increased revenues, or further reductions in expenditures, are necessary in order to maintain fiscal stability.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, 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 the Finance Department by calling 740-533-0439 or writing to the City of Ironton Finance Department, 301 S. 3rd St. – 2nd Floor, PO Box 704, Ironton, Ohio 45638.

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Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis December 31, 2019

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assets:			
Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 2,616,030	\$ 2,098,967	\$ 4,714,997
Restricted Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>0</u>	<u>824,568</u>	<u>824,568</u>
Total Assets	<u>2,616,030</u>	<u>2,923,535</u>	<u>5,539,565</u>
Net Position:			
Restricted For:			
Capital Projects	5,111	0	5,111
Debt Service	2,422	0	2,422
Streets and Highways	401,353	0	401,353
Security of Persons and Property	1,287,770	0	1,287,770
Other Purposes	214,098	0	214,098
Unrestricted	<u>705,276</u>	<u>2,923,535</u>	<u>3,628,811</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 2,616,030</u>	<u>\$ 2,923,535</u>	<u>\$ 5,539,565</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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Statement of Activities – Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

	Disbursements	Program Receipts		
		Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions
Governmental Activities:				
Security of Persons and Property	\$ 3,421,307	\$ 1,017,285	\$ 21,000	\$ 13,915
Public Health and Welfare Services	41,298	0	0	0
Leisure Time Activities	106,061	7,889	0	112,718
Community Environment	890,712	96,738	750,000	0
Transportation	502,218	0	632,361	723,902
General Government	2,257,463	1,315,260	192,090	0
Capital Outlay	958,986	0	0	0
Principal Retirement	270,355	0	0	0
Interest and Fiscal Charges	74,941	0	0	0
Total Governmental Activities	8,523,341	2,437,172	1,595,451	850,535
Business-Type Activities:				
Water	2,738,098	2,086,046	0	0
Sewer	1,782,985	1,852,764	0	0
Sanitation	702,706	681,762	0	0
Storm Water	693,133	906,813	0	0
Total Business-Type Activities	5,916,922	5,527,385	0	0
Totals	\$ 14,440,263	\$ 7,964,557	\$ 1,595,451	\$ 850,535

General Receipts and Advances

Property Taxes
Municipal Income Taxes
Other Local Taxes
Intergovernmental, Unrestricted
Investment Earnings
Bond Issuance
Miscellaneous
Advances
Total General Receipts and Advances
Change in Net Position
Net Position Beginning of Year - Restated
Net Position End of Year

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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Net (Disbursements) Receipts
and Changes in Net Position

Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
\$ (2,369,107)	\$ 0	\$ (2,369,107)
(41,298)	0	(41,298)
14,546	0	14,546
(43,974)	0	(43,974)
854,045	0	854,045
(750,113)	0	(750,113)
(958,986)	0	(958,986)
(270,355)	0	(270,355)
(74,941)	0	(74,941)
<u>(3,640,183)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(3,640,183)</u>
0	(652,052)	(652,052)
0	69,779	69,779
0	(20,944)	(20,944)
0	213,680	213,680
<u>0</u>	<u>(389,537)</u>	<u>(389,537)</u>
<u>\$ (3,640,183)</u>	<u>\$ (389,537)</u>	<u>\$ (4,029,720)</u>
725,022	0	725,022
2,574,298	0	2,574,298
23,587	0	23,587
391,234	0	391,234
27,198	26,748	53,946
0	1,868,145	1,868,145
412,406	0	412,406
(85,000)	85,000	0
<u>4,068,745</u>	<u>1,979,893</u>	<u>6,048,638</u>
428,562	1,590,356	2,018,918
2,187,468	1,333,179	3,520,647
<u>\$ 2,616,030</u>	<u>\$ 2,923,535</u>	<u>\$ 5,539,565</u>

CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO

**Balance Sheet – Modified Cash Basis
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2019**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets:			
Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 700,734	\$ 1,910,754	\$ 2,611,488
Total Assets	<u>\$ 700,734</u>	<u>\$ 1,910,754</u>	<u>\$ 2,611,488</u>
Fund Balances:			
Restricted	\$ 0	\$ 1,910,754	\$ 1,910,754
Committed	151,466	0	151,466
Assigned	22,397	0	22,397
Unassigned	526,871	0	526,871
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 700,734</u>	<u>\$ 1,910,754</u>	<u>\$ 2,611,488</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO

***Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to
Net Position of Governmental Activities - Modified Cash Basis
December 31, 2019***

Total Governmental Fund Balances \$ 2,611,488

***Amounts reported for governmental activities in the
statement of net position are different because***

The internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of services to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service funds are included in governmental activities in the statement of net position.

Internal Service Net Position	4,542
<i>Net Position of Governmental Activities</i>	<u><u>\$ 2,616,030</u></u>

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CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances – Modified Cash Basis Governmental Funds For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Receipts:			
Taxes	\$ 2,890,419	\$ 432,488	\$ 3,322,907
Intergovernmental Receipts	468,331	2,368,889	2,837,220
Charges for Services	1,710,616	370,528	2,081,144
Licenses and Permits	36,216	0	36,216
Investment Earnings	16,806	10,392	27,198
Special Assessments	0	4,406	4,406
Fines and Forfeitures	267,833	47,573	315,406
All Other Receipts	244,485	167,921	412,406
Total Receipts	5,634,706	3,402,197	9,036,903
Disbursements:			
Current:			
Security of Persons and Property	2,912,641	539,776	3,452,417
Public Health and Welfare Services	41,298	0	41,298
Leisure Time Activities	0	106,061	106,061
Community Environment	33,731	856,981	890,712
Transportation	0	502,218	502,218
General Government	1,952,487	306,923	2,259,410
Capital Outlay	235,084	723,902	958,986
Debt Service:			
Principal Retirement	191,203	79,152	270,355
Interest and Fiscal Charges	49,827	25,114	74,941
Total Disbursements	5,416,271	3,140,127	8,556,398
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	218,435	262,070	480,505
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Insurance Proceeds	0	31,110	31,110
Transfers In	0	13,000	13,000
Transfers Out	0	(13,000)	(13,000)
Advances Out	(85,000)	0	(85,000)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(85,000)	31,110	(53,890)
Net Change in Fund Balances	133,435	293,180	426,615
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year - Restated	567,299	1,617,574	2,184,873
Fund Balances End of Year	\$ 700,734	\$ 1,910,754	\$ 2,611,488

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CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO

***Reconciliation of the Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and
Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
To the Statement of Activities - Modified Cash Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019***

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds \$ 426,615

***Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of
activities are different because***

The internal service funds, which are used by management to charge the costs of services to individual funds, are not included in the statement of activities. Governmental fund disbursements and related internal service fund receipts are eliminated. The net receipts (disbursements) of the internal service funds are allocated among the governmental activities.

Change in Net Position - Internal Service Funds	1,947
<i>Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities</i>	\$ 428,562

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CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO

**Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in
Fund Balance – Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Receipts:				
Taxes	\$ 2,688,585	\$ 2,843,535	\$ 2,866,832	\$ 23,297
Intergovernmental Receipts	378,810	468,790	468,331	(459)
Charges for Services	1,214,360	1,260,010	1,262,161	2,151
Licenses and Permits	27,000	35,500	36,216	716
Investment Earnings	5,100	10,565	10,457	(108)
Fines and Forfeitures	272,395	248,530	248,671	141
All Other Receipts	213,745	226,195	224,219	(1,976)
Total Receipts	<u>4,799,995</u>	<u>5,093,125</u>	<u>5,116,887</u>	<u>23,762</u>
Disbursements:				
Current:				
Security of Persons and Property	2,958,807	2,866,919	2,869,390	(2,471)
Public Health and Welfare Services	47,500	41,300	41,298	2
Community Environment	40,295	40,295	0	40,295
General Government	2,200,054	2,057,867	1,963,821	94,046
Capital Outlay	152,000	249,151	241,098	8,053
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	102,920	102,920	102,920	0
Total Disbursements	<u>5,501,576</u>	<u>5,358,452</u>	<u>5,218,527</u>	<u>139,925</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(701,581)	(265,327)	(101,640)	163,687
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers In	307,200	307,200	307,200	0
Advances Out	0	(85,000)	(85,000)	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses):	<u>307,200</u>	<u>222,200</u>	<u>222,200</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Changes in Fund Balance	(394,381)	(43,127)	120,560	163,687
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	161,328	161,328	161,328	0
Prior Year Encumbrances	183,941	183,941	183,941	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u>\$ (49,112)</u>	<u>\$ 302,142</u>	<u>\$ 465,829</u>	<u>\$ 163,687</u>

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**Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis
Proprietary Funds
December 31, 2019**

	Business-Type Activities		
	Enterprise Funds		
	Water	Sewer	Sanitation
Assets:			
<i>Current Assets:</i>			
Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 705,040	\$ 744,271	\$ 180,559
Restricted Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0	412,284	0
Total Assets	705,040	1,156,555	180,559
Net Position:			
Unrestricted	705,040	1,156,555	180,559
Total Net Position	\$ 705,040	\$ 1,156,555	\$ 180,559

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CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO

<u>Storm Water</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds</u>
\$ 469,097	\$ 2,098,967	\$ 4,542
<u>412,284</u>	<u>824,568</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>881,381</u>	<u>2,923,535</u>	<u>4,542</u>
 <u>881,381</u>	 <u>2,923,535</u>	 <u>4,542</u>
<u>\$ 881,381</u>	<u>\$ 2,923,535</u>	<u>\$ 4,542</u>

CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO

**Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in
Fund Net Position – Modified Cash Basis
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019**

	Business-Type Activities		
	Enterprise Funds		
	Water	Sewer	Sanitation
Operating Receipts:			
Charges for Services	\$ 2,023,340	\$ 1,831,238	\$ 659,204
Other Operating Receipts	7,200	0	0
Total Operating Receipts	<u>2,030,540</u>	<u>1,831,238</u>	<u>659,204</u>
Operating Disbursements:			
Personal Services	1,124,260	665,429	431,368
Contractual Services	644,246	577,579	201,207
Materials and Supplies	29,906	14,197	24,043
Other Operating Disbursements	1,638	0	0
Capital Outlay	151,201	163,839	10,893
Total Operating Disbursements	<u>1,951,251</u>	<u>1,421,044</u>	<u>667,511</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	79,289	410,194	(8,307)
Nonoperating Receipts (Disbursements):			
Investment Earnings	2,635	12,162	1,928
Interest Charges	(45,638)	(228,191)	(305)
Principal Retirement	(741,209)	(133,750)	(34,890)
Bond Issuance	1,247,000	353,145	0
Other Nonoperating Receipts	55,506	21,526	22,558
Total Nonoperating Receipts (Disbursements)	<u>518,294</u>	<u>24,892</u>	<u>(10,709)</u>
Income (Loss) Before Transfers and Advances	597,583	435,086	(19,016)
Transfers and Advances:			
Transfers In	24,144	0	0
Transfers Out	0	(14,986)	0
Advances In	0	0	0
Total Transfers and Advances	<u>24,144</u>	<u>(14,986)</u>	<u>0</u>
Change in Net Position	621,727	420,100	(19,016)
Net Position Beginning of Year	83,313	736,455	199,575
Net Position End of Year	<u>\$ 705,040</u>	<u>\$ 1,156,555</u>	<u>\$ 180,559</u>

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<u>Storm Water</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds</u>
\$ 906,813	\$ 5,420,595	\$ 0
0	7,200	15,883
<u>906,813</u>	<u>5,427,795</u>	<u>15,883</u>
9,110	2,230,167	0
216,719	1,639,751	0
0	68,146	13,936
0	1,638	0
0	325,933	0
<u>225,829</u>	<u>4,265,635</u>	<u>13,936</u>
680,984	1,162,160	1,947
10,023	26,748	0
(244,373)	(518,507)	0
(222,931)	(1,132,780)	0
268,000	1,868,145	0
0	99,590	0
<u>(189,281)</u>	<u>343,196</u>	<u>0</u>
491,703	1,505,356	1,947
0	24,144	0
(9,158)	(24,144)	0
85,000	85,000	0
<u>75,842</u>	<u>85,000</u>	<u>0</u>
567,545	1,590,356	1,947
<u>313,836</u>	<u>1,333,179</u>	<u>2,595</u>
<u>\$ 881,381</u>	<u>\$ 2,923,535</u>	<u>\$ 4,542</u>

CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO

***Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis
Fiduciary Funds
December 31, 2019***

	<u>Custodial Fund</u>
Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 22,302
Total Assets	<u>22,302</u>
Net Position:	
Unrestricted	<u>22,302</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 22,302</u>

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CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO

**Statement of Changes in Net Position – Modified Cash Basis
Fiduciary Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019**

	<u>Custodial Fund</u>
Additions:	
Collections of Fines and Forfeitures for Other Governments	\$ 345,693
Total Additions	<u>345,693</u>
Deductions:	
Distribution of Fines and Forfeitures to Other Governments	<u>351,955</u>
Total Deductions	<u>351,955</u>
Change in Net Position	(6,262)
Net Position at Beginning of Year - Restated	<u>28,564</u>
Net Position End of Year	<u>\$ 22,302</u>

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CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The City of Ironton, (the “City”) is a body politic and corporate established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the Constitution, the laws of the State of Ohio and the City’s Charter. The City is a home-rule municipal corporation operating under its own Charter. Ironton became a city on January 29, 1851 and operates under a Council/Mayor form of government.

A. Reporting Entity

The accompanying basic financial statements comply with the provisions of the GASB Statement No. 14, *“The Financial Reporting Entity,”* in that the financial statements include all organizations, activities, functions and component units for which the City (the primary government) is financially accountable. 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 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; the City is legally obligated or otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or 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, issuance of debt or the levying of taxes. The City reports no component units.

The City’s primary government consists of all funds, agencies, boards and commissions that are part of the primary government, which include the following services: police and fire protection, parks and recreation, cemetery department, planning, zoning, street maintenance, basic utility (water, sewer, storm water and refuse) and other governmental services.

The City is involved with the following organizations which are defined as jointly governed organizations: Huntington-Ironton Empowerment Zone, Woodland Union Cemetery, KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission, Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission and Lawrence County Economic Development Corporation (LEDC). Additional information concerning these jointly governed organizations is presented in Note 12.

As discussed further in the Basis of Accounting Portion of this note, these financial statements are presented on a modified cash basis of accounting. This modified cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the modified cash basis of accounting. The following is a summary of the City’s significant accounting policies.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting

The accounting system is organized and operated on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts. The various funds are summarized by type in the basic financial statements. The following fund types are used by the City:

Governmental Funds

The City classifies funds financed primarily by taxes, intergovernmental receipts (e.g. grants), and other nonexchange transactions as governmental funds.

The following is the City's only major governmental fund:

General Fund - This fund is used to account for all financial resources except those 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 limitations of the City Charter.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting (Continued)

Proprietary Funds

The City classifies funds financed primarily from user charges for goods or services as proprietary. Proprietary funds are classified as either enterprise funds or internal service funds.

Enterprise Funds - These funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges. The City's major enterprise funds are:

Water Fund – This fund is used to account for the operation of the City's water service.

Sewer Fund – This fund is used to account for the operation of the City's sanitary sewer service.

Sanitation Fund – This fund is used to account for the operation of the City's sanitation service.

Storm Water Fund – This fund is used to account for the upkeep and construction of the City's storm water system.

Internal Service Funds - These funds are used to account for rotary services provided to other departments or agencies of the governmental unit or to other governmental units on a cost-reimbursement basis.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and custodial funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets the City holds in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments, and other funds. The City does not have any trust funds. Custodial funds are used to account for assets held by a governmental unit as an agent for individuals, private organizations or other governmental units. The City has one custodial fund, which accounts for municipal court collections that are distributed to the state and various local governments.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Basis of Presentation – Financial Statements

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, except for fiduciary funds. Internal Service fund activity is eliminated to avoid “doubling up” receipts and disbursements. The statements distinguish between those activities of the City that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental receipts or other non-exchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services.

The statement of net position presents the modified cash balances of the governmental and business-type activities of the City at year end. The government-wide statement of activities presents a comparison between direct disbursements and program receipts for each segment of the business-type activities of the City and for each function or program of the City’s governmental activities. Direct disbursements are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Receipts which are not classified as program receipts are presented as general receipts of the City, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each business segment or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general receipts of the City.

Fund Financial Statements

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 and enterprise fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. The internal service fund is presented in a single column on the face of the proprietary fund financial statements. Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

D. Basis of Accounting

The City’s financial statements are prepared using the modified cash basis of accounting. Receipts are recorded in the City’s financial records and reported in the financial statements when cash is received rather than when earned and disbursements are recorded when cash is paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

As a result of the use of this modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Budgetary Process

The budgetary process is prescribed by provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and entails the preparation of budgetary documents within an established timetable. 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 certificate of estimated resources and the appropriation ordinance are subject to amendment throughout the year. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount City Council may appropriate.

All funds other than custodial funds are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated; however, only governmental funds are required to be reported. The primary level of budgetary control is at the object level within each department. Budgetary modifications may only be made by ordinance of the City Council.

1. Tax Budget

By July 15, the Mayor submits an annual tax budget for the following fiscal year to City Council for consideration and passage. The adopted budget is submitted to the County Auditor, as Secretary of the County Budget Commission, by July 20 of each year for the period January 1 to December 31 of the following year.

2. Estimated Resources

The County Budget Commission reviews estimated revenue and determines if the budget substantiates a need to levy all or part of previously authorized taxes. The Budget Commission then certifies its actions to the City by September 1 of each year. As part of the certification process, the City receives an official certificate of estimated resources stating the projected receipts by fund. Prior to December 31, the City must revise its budget so that the total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing fiscal year do not exceed the amount available as stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget then serves as the basis for the annual appropriations measure.

On or about January 1, the certificate of estimated resources is amended to include any unencumbered fund balances from the preceding year. The certificate may be further amended during the year if a new source of revenue is identified or if actual receipts exceed current estimates. The amounts reported on the budgetary statement reflect the amounts in the final amended official certificate of estimated resources issued during 2019. The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in receipts are identified by the City 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 reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the amended certificate of estimated resources in effect at the time final appropriations were passed by City Council.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Budgetary Process (Continued)

3. Appropriations

A temporary appropriation ordinance to control expenditures may be passed on or about January 1 of each year for the period January 1 through March 31. An annual appropriation ordinance must be passed by April 1 of each year for the period January 1 through December 31. The appropriation ordinance establishes spending controls at the fund, department, and object level (the legal level of control).

The appropriation ordinance may be amended during the year as additional information becomes available, provided that total fund appropriations do not exceed the current estimated resources as certified by the County Budget Commission. The allocation of appropriations among departments and objects within a fund may only be modified during the year by an ordinance of City Council. The budgetary figures which appear on the "Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances--Budget and Actual" are presented on the budgetary basis to provide a comparison of actual results to the final budget, including all amendments and modifications. 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 final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by City Council during the year.

4. Lapsing of Appropriations

At the close of each fiscal year, the unencumbered balance of each appropriation reverts to the respective fund from which it was appropriated and becomes subject to future appropriations. The encumbered appropriation balance is carried forward to the subsequent fiscal year and need not be reappropriated.

5. Budgetary Basis of Accounting

The budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on the basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual is prepared on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The difference between the budgetary basis and the cash basis is outstanding year end encumbrances, which are treated as cash disbursements (budgetary basis) rather than as restricted, committed or assigned fund balance (cash basis).

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***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019***

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Budgetary Process (Continued)

5. Budgetary Basis of Accounting (Continued)

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the modified cash basis statements to the budgetary basis statements for the General Fund:

	Net Change in Fund Balance
	<u>General Fund</u>
Cash Basis (as reported)	\$133,435
Perspective Difference-	
Budgeted Special Revenue Funds	
Reclassified as General Fund	28,685
Municipal Court Collections	
Recorded in General Fund	(19,162)
Encumbrances	<u>(22,398)</u>
Budget Basis	<u>\$120,560</u>

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits and short-term certificates of deposit with original maturities of three months or less. Certificates of deposit with original maturities in excess of three months are considered an investment in the basic financial statements.

The City pools its cash for resource management purposes. Each fund's equity in pooled cash represents the balance on hand as if each fund maintained its own cash account. See Note 4 "Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments."

G. Investments

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or negative receipts (contra revenue), respectively. The City reports its investments at cost. The City allocates interest among various funds based upon applicable legal and administrative requirements. See Note 4 "Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments."

H. Inventory and Prepaid Items

The City reports disbursements for inventory and prepaid items when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

I. Capital Assets

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

J. Long-Term Obligations

The City's modified cash basis financial statements do not report liabilities for bonds and other long-term obligations. Proceeds of debt are reported when cash is received and principal and interest payments are reported when paid.

K. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the City's modified cash basis of accounting.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

L. Net Position

Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the City or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. Net position restricted for other purposes include resources restricted for recreation and economic development.

The City applies restricted resources when a disbursement is made for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

M. Pension/OPEB

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB liability, 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.

The City recognizes the disbursement for employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 7 and 8, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for postretirement health care benefits.

N. Interfund Transactions

Transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the government-wide financial statements are reported in the same manner as general receipts. 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 receipts in the seller funds and as disbursements 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 and after nonoperating receipts/disbursements in proprietary funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular disbursements to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

O. Fund Balances

In the fund financial statements, fund balance for governmental funds is reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the City is bound to honor constraints on the specific purpose for which amounts in the funds can be spent. Fund balance is reported in five components – nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned.

Nonspendable – Nonspendable fund balance includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – Restricted fund balance consists of amounts that have constraints placed on them either externally by third parties (creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments) or by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. 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 (compelled by external parties) 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.

Committed – Committed fund balance consists of amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the City’s highest level of decision making authority. For the City, these constraints consist of ordinances passed by City Council. Committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the City removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (ordinance) it employed previously to 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.

Assigned – Assigned fund balance consists of amounts that are constrained by the City’s intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither 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 City Council or a City official delegated that authority by City Charter or ordinance, or by State Statute.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

O. Fund Balances (Continued)

Unassigned – Unassigned fund balance consists of amounts that have not been restricted, committed or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund as well as negative fund balances in all other governmental funds.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the City's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted (committed, assigned and unassigned) resources as they are needed.

P. Restricted Assets

Assets are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change the nature or normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either externally imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other governments, or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

A bond reserve account is reported as restricted cash in the financial statements.

Q. Operating Receipts and Disbursements

Proprietary funds distinguish operating receipts and disbursements from nonoperating items. Operating receipts are those receipts that are generated directly from the primary activity of the proprietary funds. For the City, these receipts are charges for services for water treatment and distribution, wastewater collection and treatment, maintenance of storm water collection systems, and collection of solid waste refuse. Operating disbursements are necessary costs incurred to provide the good or service that is the primary activity of the fund. All receipts and disbursements not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating receipts and disbursements.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 2 – CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE

For 2019, the City implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 83, “Certain Asset Retirement Obligations,” Statement No. 84, “Fiduciary Activities,” Statement No. 88, “Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements,” and Statement No. 90, “Majority Equity Interests—an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 61.”

GASB Statement No. 83 establishes criteria for determining the timing and pattern of recognition of a liability and a corresponding deferred outflow of resources for asset retirement obligations.

GASB Statement No. 84 establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments.

GASB Statement No. 88 revises the information that is disclosed in notes to government financial statements related to debt, including direct borrowings and direct placements. This Statement requires that additional essential information related to debt be disclosed in notes to financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 90 establishes criteria for reporting a government’s majority equity interest in a legally separate organization.

The implementation of GASB Statement No. 84 resulted in changes to beginning of year net position/fund balance as follows:

	Governmental Activities	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds
Net position/fund balance December 31, 2018	\$2,163,304	\$566,926	\$1,593,783
Adjustments:			
Fund Reclassification	24,164	373	23,791
Restated Net Position/fund balance December 31, 2018	\$2,187,468	\$567,299	\$1,617,574
	Total		
	Governmental Funds	Custodial Funds	
Net position/fund balance December 31, 2018	\$2,160,709	\$52,728	
Adjustments:			
Fund Reclassification	24,164	(24,164)	
Restated Net Position/fund balance December 31, 2018	\$2,184,873	\$28,564	

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**Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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NOTE 3 – FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATION

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 the resources in the governmental funds. The constraints placed on fund balance for the major governmental funds and all other governmental funds are presented below:

Fund Balances	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Restricted:			
Flood Wall	\$0	\$470,340	\$470,340
Police and Fire Pension	0	23,029	23,029
Police Department Equipment	0	89,893	89,893
Street Improvements	0	401,353	401,353
Recreation Programs	0	80,096	80,096
Drug and Alcohol Treatment	0	218,094	218,094
FEMA Programs	0	4,262	4,262
Municipal Court	0	482,152	482,152
Community Development	0	64,561	64,561
Economic Development	0	69,441	69,441
Debt Service	0	2,422	2,422
Capital Improvements	0	5,111	5,111
Total Restricted	0	1,910,754	1,910,754
Committed:			
Community Development	21,884	0	21,884
Health Department	12	0	12
Fire Department	129,570	0	129,570
Total Committed	151,466	0	151,466
Assigned:			
Other Purposes	22,397	0	22,397
Total Assigned	22,397	0	22,397
Unassigned (Deficits):	526,871	0	526,871
Total Fund Balances	\$700,734	\$1,910,754	\$2,611,488

NOTE 4 - CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS

Cash resources of several individual funds are combined to form a pool of cash and investments. In addition, investments are separately held by a number of individual funds. The City has adopted an Investment Policy that follows Ohio Revised Code Chapter 135 and applies the prudent person standard. The prudent person standard requires the Finance Director to exercise the care, skill and experience that a prudent person would use to manage his/her personal financial affairs and to seek investments that will preserve principal while maximizing income.

Statutes require the classification of funds held by the City into three categories:

Category 1 consists of "active" funds - those funds required to be kept in "cash" or "near cash" status for immediate use by the City. Such funds must be maintained either as cash in the City Treasury or in depository accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts.

CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 4 - CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Category 2 consists of "inactive" funds - those funds not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive funds may be deposited or invested only as certificates of deposit maturing no later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories.

Category 3 consists of "interim" funds - those funds not needed for immediate use but 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. Interim funds may be invested or deposited in the following securities:

- 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;
- 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;
- Interim deposits in eligible institutions applying for interim funds;
- Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio, and with certain limitations bonds and other obligations of political subdivisions of the State of Ohio;
- No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in the first two bullets of this section and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions, and
- The State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio).

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

- Bonds of the State of Ohio;
- 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
- Obligations of the City.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 4 - CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

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. Historically, the City has not purchased these types of investments or issued these types of notes. 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.

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. Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned. Protection of City cash and deposits is provided by the federal deposit insurance corporation as well as qualified securities pledged by the institution holding the assets.

The City has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits either be insured or be protected by:

Eligible securities pledged to the City 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

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. 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.

At December 31, 2019, two of the City's financial institutions still maintained their own collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value at all times shall be at least 105 percent of the deposits being secured.

At year end the carrying amount of the City's deposits was \$4,737,299 and the bank balance was \$5,089,315. Federal depository insurance covered \$3,122,260 of the bank balance and \$1,967,055 was uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging institutions trust department not in the City's name.

CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 4 - CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

B. Investments

The City's investments at December 31, 2019 were as follows:

	Fair Value	Credit Rating	Fair Value Hierarchy	Investment Maturities (in Years) less than 1
US Treasury Notes/Bills	\$824,568	AA+ ¹ /Aaa ²	Level 1	\$824,568
Total Investments	\$824,568			\$824,568

¹ Standard & Poor's

² Moody's Investor Service

Interest Rate Risk – The Ohio Revised Code generally limits security purchases to those that mature within five years of settlement date. Interest rate risk arises because potential purchasers of debt securities will not agree to pay face value for those securities if interest rates subsequently increase.

Concentration of Credit Risk – The City places no limit on the amount the City may invest in one issuer. Of the City's total investments, 100% are United States Treasury Notes.

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 investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party.

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.

NOTE 5 - TAXES

A. Property Taxes

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real estate and public utility property located in the City. Real property taxes (other than public utility) collected during 2019 were levied after October 1, 2018 on assessed values as of January 1, 2018, the lien date. Assessed values are established by the county auditor at 35 percent of appraised market value. All property is required to be reappraised every six years and equalization adjustments are made in the third year following reappraisal. The last reappraisal was completed in 2016. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. The first payment is due January 20, with the remainder payable by June 20.

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. Certain public utility tangible personal property is currently assessed at 100 percent of its true value. Public utility property taxes are payable on the same dates as real property described previously.

CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO

***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019***

NOTE 5 - TAXES (Continued)

A. Property Taxes (Continued)

The County Treasurer collects property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts in the County including the City of Ironton. The County Auditor periodically remits to the City its portion of the taxes collected.

The full tax rate for the City's operations for the year ended December 31, 2019 was \$5.28 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed value upon which the 2019 tax collections were based was \$156,815,320. This amount constitutes \$148,168,690 in real property assessed value and \$8,646,630 in public utility assessed value. Ohio law prohibits taxation of property from all taxing authorities in excess of 1% of assessed value without a vote of the people. Under current procedures, the City's share is .528% (5.28 mills) of assessed value.

Real Estate Tax Abatements

As of December 31, 2019, the City provides tax incentives under one (1) program, the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA).

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5709, the City established a Community Reinvestment Area. The City authorizes incentives through passage of public ordinances, based upon each businesses investment criteria and through a contractual application process with each business. The abatement equals an agreed upon percentage of the additional property tax resulting from the increase in assessed value as a result of the improvements. The amount of the abatement is deducted from the recipient's property tax bill. The establishment of the Community Reinvestment Area gave the City the ability to maintain and expand business located within the City and created new jobs by abating or reducing assessed valuation of properties, resulting in abated taxes, from new or improved business real estate and includes major housing improvements in specified areas.

The City has offered the CRA abatements to encourage economic stability, maintain property values, and generate new employment opportunities and population growth.

Below is the information relevant to the disclosure of this program for the year ending December 31, 2019.

	Total Amount of Taxes Abated For the year 2019
<i>Community Reinvestment Area (CRA)</i>	
Retail/Real Estate/Medical	\$13,803
	<u>\$13,803</u>

CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO

**Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019**

NOTE 5 - TAXES (Continued)

B. Income Tax

The City levies a tax of 1%, on all salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation and on net profits earned within the City as well as on incomes of residents earned outside the City. In the latter case, the City allows a credit of 100% of the tax paid to another municipality to a maximum of the total amount assessed.

Employers within the City are required to withhold income tax on employees' compensation and remit the tax to the City either monthly or quarterly, as required. Corporations and other individual taxpayers are required to pay their estimated tax quarterly and file a declaration annually.

NOTE 6 – TRANSFERS AND ADVANCES

Following is a summary of transfers in and out for all funds for 2019:

Fund	Transfer In	Transfer Out
Other Governmental Funds	\$13,000	\$13,000
Total Governmental Funds	13,000	13,000
Water Fund	24,144	0
Sewer Fund	0	14,986
Storm Water Fund	0	9,158
Total Proprietary Funds	24,144	24,144
Totals	\$37,144	\$37,144

Transfers are used to move revenues from the funds that statute or budget requires to collect them to the funds that statute or budget requires to expend them; to segregate money for anticipated capital projects; to provide additional resources for current operations or debt service; and to return money to the fund from which it was originally provided once a project is completed. In 2019 the Municipal Court Computer Fund transferred \$13,000 to the Police Equipment Replacement Fund for the purchase of new computers for the police department. The Sewer Fund and Storm Water Fund transferred \$14,986 and \$9,158, respectively, to the Water Fund for debt service payments.

Following is a summary of advances for all funds for 2019:

Fund	Advances In	Advances Out
General Fund	\$0	\$85,000
Storm Water Fund	85,000	0
Totals	\$85,000	\$85,000

Advances are used to temporarily provide operating resources to funds with the expectation the resources will be repaid once monies are available in the funds receiving the advance. In 2019 the General Fund advanced \$85,000 to the Storm Water Fund to assist with cash flow.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 7 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

Net Pension Liability

The net pension liability is not reported in the accompanying financial statements. The net pension liability has been disclosed below. Pensions are a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions 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 net pension liability represents the City’s proportionate share of each pension plan’s collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension plan’s fiduciary net position. The net pension liability 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.

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 are financed; however, the City does receive the benefit of employees’ services in exchange for compensation including pension.

GASB 68 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires all funding to come from these employers. All contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). State statute requires the pension plans to amortize unfunded liabilities within 30 years. If the amortization period exceeds 30 years, each pension plan’s board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension liability. Resulting adjustments to the net pension liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable.

The net pension liability is disclosed as a commitment and not reported on the face of the financial statements as a liability because of the use of the modified cash basis framework.

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 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 cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with defined contribution features. While members (e.g. City employees) may elect the member-directed plan and the combined plan, substantially all employee members are in OPERS’ traditional plan; therefore, the following disclosure focuses on the traditional pension plan.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 7 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits, and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the traditional plan. 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 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 plan as per the reduced benefits adopted by SB 343 (see OPERS CAFR referenced above for additional information, including requirements for reduced and unreduced benefits):

Group A	Group B	Group C
Eligible to retire prior to January 7, 2013 or five years after January 7, 2013	20 years of service credit prior to January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire ten years after January 7, 2013	Members not in other Groups and members hired on or after January 7, 2013
State and Local	State and Local	State and Local
Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 57 with 25 years of service credit or Age 62 with 5 years of service credit
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	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	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
Public Safety	Public Safety	Public Safety
Age and Service Requirements: Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 52 with 15 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 52 with 15 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 52 with 25 years of service credit or Age 56 with 15 years of service credit
Law Enforcement	Law Enforcement	Law Enforcement
Age and Service Requirements: Age 52 with 15 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 52 with 15 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 56 with 15 years of service credit
Public Safety and Law Enforcement	Public Safety and Law Enforcement	Public Safety and Law Enforcement
Formula: 2.5% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 25 years and 2.1% for service years in excess of 25	Formula: 2.5% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 25 years and 2.1% for service years in excess of 25	Formula: 2.5% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 25 years and 2.1% for service years in excess of 25

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 7 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

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.

When a benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA) is provided. This COLA is calculated on the base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. For those retiring prior to January 7, 2013, the COLA will continue to be a 3.00% simple annual COLA. For those retiring subsequent to January 7, 2013, beginning in calendar year 2019, the COLA will be based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3.00%.

Benefits in the Combined Plan consist of both an age-and-service formula benefit (defined benefit) and a defined contribution element. The defined benefit element is calculated on the basis of age, FAS, and years of service. Eligibility regarding age and years of service in the Combined Plan is the same as the Traditional Pension Plan. The benefit formula for the defined benefit component of the plan for State and Local members in transition Groups A and B applies a factor of 1.00% to the member's FAS for the first 30 years of service.

A factor of 1.25% is applied to years of service in excess of 30. The benefit formula for transition Group C applies a factor of 1.0% to the member's FAS and the first 35 years of service and a factor of 1.25% is applied to years in excess of 35. Persons retiring before age 65 with less than 30 years of service credit receive a percentage reduction in benefit. The defined contribution portion of the benefit is based on accumulated member contributions plus or minus any investment gains or losses on those contributions. Members retiring under the Combined Plan receive a COLA adjustment on the defined benefit portion of their benefit.

Defined contribution plan benefits are established in the plan documents, which may be amended by the OPERS's Board of Trustees. Member-Directed 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. 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% each year. For additional information, see the Plan Statement in the OPERS CAFR.

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**Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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NOTE 7 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

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

	State and Local	Public Safety	Law Enforcement
2019 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates			
Employer	14.0 %	18.1 %	18.1 %
Employee *	10.0 %	**	***
2019 Actual Contribution Rates			
Employer:			
Pension ****	14.0 %	18.1 %	18.1 %
Post-employment Health Care Benefits ****	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Employer	14.0 %	18.1 %	18.1 %
Employee	10.0 %	12.0 %	13.0 %

- * Member contributions within the combined plan are not used to fund the defined benefit retirement allowance.
- ** This rate is determined by OPERS' Board and has no maximum rate established by ORC.
- *** This rate is also determined by OPERS' Board, but is limited by ORC to not more than 2 percent greater than the Public Safety rate.
- **** 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.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The City's contractually required contribution was \$378,050 for 2019.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 7 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Plan Description – Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund (OPF)

Plan Description - City full-time police and firefighters participate in Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OPF), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by OPF. OPF 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. OPF issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial information and required supplementary information and detailed information about OPF fiduciary net position. The report that may be obtained by visiting the OPF 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 OPF may retire and receive a lifetime monthly pension. OPF 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 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 2.5 percent for each of the first 20 years of service credit, 2.0 percent for each of the next five years of service credit and 1.5 percent for each year of service credit in excess of 25 years. The maximum pension of 72 percent of the allowable average annual salary is paid after 33 years of service credit. See OP&F CAFR 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 OPF 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 and statutory survivors. Members participating in the DROP program have separate eligibility requirements related to COLA.

Members retiring under normal service retirement, with less than 15 years of service credit on July 1, 2013, and members whose pension benefit became effective on or after July 1, 2013, will receive a COLA equal to a percentage of the member's base pension benefit where the percentage is the lesser of three percent or the percentage increase in the consumer price index, if any, over the 12 month period that ends on the thirtieth day of September of the immediately preceding year, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one percent.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 7 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

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

	Police	Firefighters
2019 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates		
Employer	19.50 %	24.00 %
Employee:		
January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019	12.25 %	12.25 %
2019 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:		
January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019	12.25 %	12.25 %

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The City's contractually required contribution to OPF was \$321,029 for 2019. In addition to current contributions, the City pays installments on a specific liability of the City incurred when the State of Ohio established the statewide pension system for police and fire fighters in 1967. As of December 31, 2019, the specific liability of the City has an outstanding balance of \$328,794, payable in semi-annual payments through the year 2035.

Pension Liabilities

The net pension liability for OPERS was measured as of December 31, 2018, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. OPF's total pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2018, and was determined by rolling forward the total pension liability as of January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2018. The City's proportion of the net pension liability 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	OP&F	Total
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$5,270,815	\$5,634,917	\$10,905,732
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability-2019	0.019245%	0.069033%	
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability-2018	0.020080%	0.074965%	
Percentage Change	(0.000835%)	(0.005932%)	

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.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 7 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

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 in the December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

	December 31, 2018
Wage Inflation	3.25 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.25 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA (Pre 1/7/13 retirees)	3 percent simple
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA (Post 1/7/13 retirees)	3 percent simple through 2018. 2.15 percent simple, thereafter
Investment Rate of Return	7.2 percent
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age
	December 31, 2017
Wage Inflation	3.25 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.25 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA (Pre 1/7/13 retirees)	3 percent simple
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA (Post 1/7/13 retirees)	3 percent simple through 2018. 2.15 percent simple, thereafter
Investment Rate of Return	7.5 percent
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Employees mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the RP-2014 Disabled mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2015 mortality improvement scale to all of the above described tables.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five year period ended December 31, 2015.

The long-term 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 real rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation.

During 2018, 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 for 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 2.94% for 2018.

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**Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019**

NOTE 7 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

The allocation of investment assets with the Defined Benefit portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees 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 table below displays the Board-approved asset allocation policy for 2018 and the long-term expected real rates of return:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Arithmetic)
Fixed Income	23.00 %	2.79 %
Domestic Equities	19.00	6.21
Real Estate	10.00	4.90
Private Equity	10.00	10.81
International Equities	20.00	7.83
Other investments	18.00	5.50
Total	100.00 %	5.95 %

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.2 percent. 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 statutorily required rates. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefits payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the City’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate The following table presents the City’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.2 percent, as well as what the City’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.2 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (8.2 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.20%)	Current Discount Rate (7.20%)	1% Increase (8.20%)
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$7,786,527	\$5,270,815	\$3,180,236

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**Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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NOTE 7 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions – OPF

OPF’s total pension liability as of December 31, 2018 is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of January 1, 2018, and rolled-forward using generally accepted actuarial procedures. The total pension liability is determined by OPF’s actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 67, as part of their annual valuation. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates 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. Assumptions considered were: withdrawal rates, disability retirement, service retirement, DROP elections, mortality, percent married and forms of the payment, DROP interest rate, CPI-based COLA, investment returns, salary increases and payroll growth.

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results, prepared as of January 1, 2018, compared with January 1, 2017, are presented below.

	January 1, 2018	January 1, 2017
Valuation Date	January 1, 2018, with actuarial liabilities rolled forward to December 31, 2018	January 1, 2017, with actuarial liabilities rolled forward to December 31, 2017
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal
Investment Rate of Return	8.0 percent	8.0 percent
Projected Salary Increases	3.75 percent to 10.5 percent	3.75 percent to 10.5 percent
Payroll Growth	Inflation rate of 2.75 percent plus productivity increase rate of 0.5	Inflation rate of 2.75 percent plus productivity increase rate of 0.5
Cost of Living Adjustments	3.00 percent simple; 2.2 percent simple for increased based on the lesser of the increase in CPI and 3 percent	3.00 percent simple; 2.2 percent simple for increased based on the lesser of the increase in CPI and 3 percent

For the January 1, 2018 valuation, mortality for non-disabled participants is based on the RP-2014 Total Employee and Healthy Annuitant Mortality Tables rolled back to 2006, adjusted according to the rates in the following table, and projected with the Conduent Modified 2016 Improvement Scale. Rates for surviving beneficiaries are adjusted by 120 percent.

Age	Police	Fire
67 or less	77 %	68 %
68-77	105	87
78 and up	115	120

For the January 1, 2018 valuation, mortality for disabled retirees is based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Tables rolled back to 2006, adjusted according to the rates in the following table, and projected with the Buck Modified 2016 Improvement Scale.

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***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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NOTE 7 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Police</u>	<u>Fire</u>
59 or less	35 %	35 %
60-69	60	45
70-79	75	70
80 and up	100	90

The most recent experience study was completed for the five year period ended December 31, 2016, the prior experience study was completed December 31, 2011.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 7 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block approach and assumes a time horizon, as defined in the Statement of Investment Policy. A forecasted rate of inflation serves as the baseline for the return expectation. 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 averaged 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.

Best estimates of the long-term expected geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in OPF’s target asset allocation as of December 31, 2018 are summarized below:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.00 %	0.80 %
Domestic Equity	16.00	5.50
Non-US Equity	16.00	5.90
Private Markets	8.00	8.40
Core Fixed Income *	23.00	2.60
High Yield Fixed Income	7.00	4.80
Private Credit	5.00	7.50
U.S. Inflation Linked Bonds*	17.00	2.30
Master Limited Partnerships	8.00	6.40
Real Assets	8.00	7.00
Private Real Estate	12.00	6.10
Total	<u>120.00 %</u>	

OPF’s Board of Trustees has incorporated the “risk parity” concept into OPF’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 their relationship between asset classes and economic environments. From the notional portfolio perspective above, the Total Portfolio may be levered up to 1.2 times due to the application of leverage in certain fixed income asset classes.

Discount Rate For 2018, the total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 8.00 percent. The discount rate used for 2017 was 8.00 percent. 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 earning were calculated using the longer-term assumed investment rate of return 8.00 percent. 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.

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**Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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NOTE 7 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)

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 8.00 percent, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (7.00 percent), or one percentage point higher (9.00 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (7.00%)	Current Discount Rate (8.00%)	1% Increase (9.00%)
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$7,406,710	\$5,634,917	\$4,154,328

NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS

Net OPEB Liability

The net OPEB liability is not reported in the accompanying financial statements. The net OPEB liability has been disclosed below. OPEB is a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. 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 net OPEB liability represents the City’s proportionate share of each OPEB plan’s collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each OPEB plan’s fiduciary net position. The net OPEB liability 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 these estimates annually.

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 OPEB are financed; however, the City does receive the benefit of employees’ services in exchange for compensation including OPEB.

GASB 75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because they benefit from employee services. OPEB contributions come from these employers and health care plan enrollees which pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. The Ohio revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. Any change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net OPEB liability. Resulting adjustments to the net OPEB liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

The net OPEB liability is disclosed as a commitment and not reported on the face of the financial statements as a liability because of the use of the modified cash basis framework.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)

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, which funds multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage and deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement to qualifying benefit recipients of both the traditional pension and the combined plans. This 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 refund, member directed plan participants may be eligible for reimbursement of qualified medical expenses from their vested RMA balance.

In order to qualify for postemployment health care coverage, age and service retirees under the traditional pension and combined plans must have twenty or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit. Health care coverage for disability benefit recipients and qualified survivor benefit recipients is available. The health care coverage provided by OPERS meets the definition of an Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement 75. See OPERS' CAFR referenced below for additional information.

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 requiring 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, health care is not being funded.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the earnable salary of active members. In 2019, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.0 percent of earnable salary and public safety and law enforcement employers contributed at 18.1 percent. These are the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund health care.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)

Each year, the OPERS Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the Traditional Pension Plan and Combined Plan was 0 percent during calendar year 2019. 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 2019 was 4.0 percent.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The City's contractually required contribution was \$0 for 2019.

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 healthcare 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. OP&F provides health care benefits including coverage for medical, prescription drug, dental, vision, and Medicare Part B Premium to retirees, qualifying benefit recipients and their eligible dependents.

OP&F provides access to postretirement health care coverage for any person who receives or is eligible to receive a monthly service, disability, or statutory survivor benefit, or is a spouse or eligible dependent child of such person. The health care coverage provided by OP&F meets the definition of an Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75.

The Ohio Revised Code allows, but does not mandate, OP&F to provide OPEB benefits. Authority for the OP&F Board of Trustees to provide health care coverage to eligible participants and to establish and amend benefits is 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 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 19.5 percent and 24 percent of covered payroll for police and fire employer units, respectively. The Ohio Revised Code states that the employer contribution may not exceed 19.5 percent of covered payroll for police employer units and 24 percent of covered payroll for fire employer units. Active members do not make contributions to the OPEB Plan.

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***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)

OP&F maintains funds for health care in two separate accounts. There is 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. An Internal Revenue Code 401(h) account is maintained for Medicare Part B reimbursements.

The Board of Trustees is authorized to allocate a portion of the total employer contributions made into the pension plan to the Section 115 trust and the Section 401(h) account as the employer contribution for retiree health care benefits. For 2019, the portion of employer contributions allocated to health care was 0.5 percent 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 and is limited by the provisions of Sections 115 and 401(h).

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.

Beginning January 1, 2019, OP&F changed its retiree health care model to a stipend-based health care model. A stipend funded by OP&F will be placed in individual Health Reimbursement Accounts that retirees will use to be reimbursed for health care expenses.

The City's contractually required contribution to OP&F was \$7,511 for 2019.

Net OPEB Liability

The net OPEB liability and total OPEB liability for OPERS were determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2017, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2018, 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, 2018, and was determined by rolling forward the total OPEB liability as of January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2018. 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:

	<u>OPERS</u>	<u>OP&F</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$2,432,041	\$628,651	\$3,060,692
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability-2019	0.018654%	0.069033%	
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability-2018	<u>0.019652%</u>	<u>0.074965%</u>	
Percentage Change	<u>(0.000998%)</u>	<u>(0.005932%)</u>	

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)

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 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, 2017, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2018. 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	3.25 percent
Projected Salary Increases, including inflation	3.25 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation
Single Discount Rate:	
Current measurement date	3.96 percent
Prior Measurement date	3.85 percent
Investment Rate of Return:	
Current measurement date	6.00 percent
Prior Measurement date	6.50 percent
Municipal Bond Rate:	
Current measurement date	3.71 percent
Prior Measurement date	3.31 percent
Health Care Cost Trend Rate:	
Current measurement date	10.0 percent, initial 3.25 percent, ultimate in 2029
Prior Measurement date	7.5 percent, initial 3.25 percent, ultimate in 2028
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Employees mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the RP-2014 Disabled mortality table for males and females, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base year of 2006. The base year for males and females was then established to be 2015 and 2010, respectively. Mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2015 mortality improvement scale to all of the above described tables.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five year period ended December 31, 2015.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)

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 real rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation.

During 2018, 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 5.60 percent for 2018.

The allocation of investment assets with the Health Care portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees 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. OPERS' primary goal is to achieve and maintain a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined pension plans. Health care is a discretionary benefit. The table below displays the Board-approved asset allocation policy for 2018 and the long-term expected real rates of return:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Arithmetic)
Fixed Income	34.00 %	2.42 %
Domestic Equities	21.00	6.21
Real Estate Investment Trust	6.00	5.98
International Equities	22.00	7.83
Other investments	17.00	5.57
Total	100.00 %	5.16 %

Discount Rate A single discount rate of 3.96 percent was used to measure the OPEB liability on the measurement date of December 31, 2018. A single discount rate of 3.85 percent was used to measure the OPEB liability on the measurement date of December 31, 2017. 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) 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 an expected rate of return on the health care investment portfolio of 6.00 percent and a municipal bond rate of 3.71 percent.

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NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)

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 2031. As a result, the long-term expected rate of return on health care investments was applied to projected costs through the year 2031, 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 City's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the single discount rate of 3.96 percent, as well as what the City's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (2.96 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (4.96 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (2.96%)	Current Discount Rate (3.96%)	1% Increase (4.96%)
City's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$3,111,487	\$2,432,041	\$1,891,702

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 1.0 percent lower or 1.0 percent higher than the current rate.

Retiree health care valuations use a health care cost-trend assumption that changes over several years built into the assumption. The near-term rates reflect increases in the current cost of health care; the trend starting in 2019 is 10.00 percent. 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 that in the not-too-distant future, the health plan 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 3.25 percent in the most recent valuation.

	1% Decrease	Current Health Care Cost Trend Rate Assumption	1% Increase
City's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$2,337,719	\$2,432,041	\$2,540,675

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NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions – OP&F

OP&F’s total OPEB liability as of December 31, 2018, is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of January 1, 2018, 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 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.

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

Valuation Date	January 1, 2018, with actuarial liabilities rolled forward to December 31, 2018	January 1, 2017, with actuarial liabilities rolled forward to December 31, 2017
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal
Investment Rate of Return	8.0 percent	8.0 percent
Projected Salary Increases	3.75 percent to 10.5 percent	3.75 percent to 10.5 percent
Payroll Growth	Inflation rate of 2.75 percent plus productivity increase rate of 0.5	Inflation rate of 2.75 percent plus productivity increase rate of 0.5
Single discount rate	4.66 percent	3.24 percent
Cost of Living Adjustments	3.00 percent simple; 2.2 percent simple for increased based on the lesser of the increase in CPI and 3 percent	3.00 percent simple; 2.2 percent simple for increased based on the lesser of the increase in CPI and 3 percent

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NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)

Mortality for non-disabled participants is based on the RP-2014 Total Employee and Healthy Annuitant Mortality Tables rolled back to 2006, adjusted according to the rates in the following table, and projected with the Buck Modified 2016 Improvement Scale. Rates for surviving beneficiaries are adjusted by 120 percent.

<u>Age</u>	<u>Police</u>	<u>Fire</u>
67 or less	77 %	68 %
68-77	105	87
78 and up	115	120

Mortality for disabled retirees is based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Tables rolled back to 2006, adjusted according to the rates in the following table, and projected with the Buck Modified 2016 Improvement Scale.

<u>Age</u>	<u>Police</u>	<u>Fire</u>
59 or less	35 %	35 %
60-69	60	45
70-79	75	70
80 and up	100	90

The most recent experience study was completed for the five year period ended December 31, 2016, the prior experience study was completed December 31, 2011.

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 the Statement of Investment Policy. A forecasted rate of inflation serves as the 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 averaged 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. 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, 2018, are summarized below:

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NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.00 %	0.80 %
Domestic Equity	16.00	5.50
Non-US Equity	16.00	5.90
Private Markets	8.00	8.40
Core Fixed Income *	23.00	2.60
High Yield Fixed Income	7.00	4.80
Private Credit	5.00	7.50
U.S. Inflation Linked Bonds*	17.00	2.30
Master Limited Partnerships	8.00	6.40
Real Assets	8.00	7.00
Private Real Estate	12.00	6.10
Total	<u>120.00 %</u>	

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 their relationship between asset classes and economic environments. From the notional portfolio perspective above, the Total Portfolio may be levered up to 1.2 times due to the application of leverage in certain fixed income asset classes.

Discount Rate The total OPEB liability was calculated using the discount rate of 4.66 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contribution 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 8 percent. Based on those assumptions, OP&F's fiduciary net position was projected to not be able to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, a municipal bond rate of 4.13 percent at December 31, 2018 and 3.16 percent at December 31, 2017, was blended with the long-term rate of 8 percent, which resulted in a blended discount rate of 4.66 percent.

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***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
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NOTE 8 - 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 4.66 percent, as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (3.66 percent), or one percentage point higher (5.66 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (3.66%)	Current Discount Rate (4.66%)	1% Increase (5.66%)
City's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$765,869	\$628,651	\$513,469

Beginning January 1, 2019 OP&F is changing its retiree health care model and the current self-insured health care plan will no longer be offered. In its place will be a stipend-based health care model. OP&F has contracted with a vendor who will assist eligible retirees in choosing health care plans from their marketplace (both Medicare-eligible and pre-Medicare populations). A stipend funded by OP&F will be placed in individual Health Reimbursement Accounts that retirees will use to be reimbursed for healthcare expenses. As a result of changing from the current health care model to the stipend based healthcare model, management expects that it will be able to provide stipends to eligible participants for the next 15 years.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 9 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Long-term debt and other long-term obligations of the City at December 31, 2019 were as follows:

				Balance December 31, 2018	Additions	(Reductions)	Balance December 31, 2019	Due Within One Year
Business-Type Activities:								
Ohio Water Development Authority Loans (OWDA):								
2.00%	Water Meter Replacement	2011	\$777,491	\$0	(\$26,209)	\$751,282	\$26,736	
Total Ohio Water Development Authority Loans			<u>777,491</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(26,209)</u>	<u>751,282</u>	<u>26,736</u>	
Ohio Public Works Commission Loans (OPWC):								
0.00%	Railroad Street Sanitary Sewer	2006	31,875	0	(3,750)	28,125	3,750	
0.00%	Storm Sewer Separation	2013	18,164	0	(931)	17,233	931	
0.00%	Water Storage Improvement	2009	165,000	0	(15,000)	150,000	15,000	
Total Ohio Public Works Commission Loans			<u>215,039</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(19,681)</u>	<u>195,358</u>	<u>19,681</u>	
General Obligation Bonds:								
5.22%	Water Storage	2008	578,000	0	(578,000)	0	0	
2.40%	Water Storage Refunding	2019	0	589,000	(117,000)	472,000	114,000	
2.40%	Water Facility Improvements	2019	0	591,000	(4,000)	587,000	53,000	
2.40%	Track Hoe	2019	0	67,000	(1,000)	66,000	6,000	
2.0-5.25%	Sewer System Improvement	2011	9,395,000	0	(260,000)	9,135,000	270,000	
2.35%	Storm Water Improvement	2016	665,000	0	(90,000)	575,000	90,000	
2.40%	Street Sweeper	2019	0	268,000	(2,000)	266,000	24,000	
3.00%	Sewer System Improvement	2019	0	353,145	0	353,145	66,487	
1.75%	Refuse Vehicle	2015	34,890	0	(34,890)	0	0	
Total General Obligation Bonds			<u>10,672,890</u>	<u>1,868,145</u>	<u>(1,086,890)</u>	<u>11,454,145</u>	<u>623,487</u>	
Total Business-Type Activities			<u>\$11,665,420</u>	<u>\$1,868,145</u>	<u>(\$1,132,780)</u>	<u>\$12,400,785</u>	<u>\$669,904</u>	
Governmental Activities:								
General Obligation Bonds:								
3.40%	Building Improvement Refunding	2013	\$380,000	\$0	(\$90,000)	\$290,000	\$95,000	
3.40%	Fire House Construction Refunding	2013	890,000	0	(45,000)	845,000	50,000	
2.45%	Police Equipment/Vehicles	2017	145,490	0	(35,130)	110,360	35,990	
Total General Obligation Bonds			<u>1,415,490</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(170,130)</u>	<u>1,245,360</u>	<u>180,990</u>	
Installment Loans:								
3.50%	Moulten Field Flood System	2017	453,844	0	(44,022)	409,822	48,061	
2.15%	Pumper Fire Truck	2014	177,968	0	(56,203)	121,765	58,805	
Total Installment Loans			<u>631,812</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(100,225)</u>	<u>531,587</u>	<u>106,866</u>	
Police/Fire Accrued Pension Obligations			<u>343,586</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(14,792)</u>	<u>328,794</u>	<u>15,427</u>	
Total Governmental Activities			<u>\$2,390,888</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$285,147)</u>	<u>\$2,105,741</u>	<u>\$303,283</u>	

Direct Placements and Direct Borrowings – All outstanding loans and bonds of the City are the result of direct placements and direct borrowings of debt with the exception of the 2011 sewer system improvement general obligation bonds.

Line of Credit – The City obtained a line of credit in the amount of \$250,000 at an interest rate of 3.620%. The City has received \$0 relating to this line of credit.

CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 9 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (Continued)

A summary of the City's future long-term debt funding requirements, including principal and interest payments as of December 31, 2019, follows:

Years	OWDA Loans		General Obligation Bonds		OPWC Loans	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2020	\$26,736	\$14,893	\$804,477	\$543,601	\$19,681	\$0
2021	27,272	14,355	825,266	522,107	19,681	0
2022	27,822	13,807	853,166	495,623	19,681	0
2023	28,381	13,247	733,699	468,183	19,681	0
2024	28,952	12,678	635,897	444,444	19,681	0
2025-2029	153,722	54,421	2,687,000	1,909,163	89,032	0
2030-2034	169,805	38,337	2,545,000	1,339,853	4,657	0
2035-2039	187,571	20,573	2,930,000	656,511	3,264	0
2040-2042	101,021	3,050	685,000	35,962	0	0
Totals	<u>\$751,282</u>	<u>\$185,361</u>	<u>\$12,699,505</u>	<u>\$6,415,447</u>	<u>\$195,358</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Years	Police/Fire Accrued Pension Liability		Installment Loans	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2020	\$15,427	\$13,812	\$106,866	\$16,833
2021	16,089	13,149	112,771	13,272
2022	16,781	12,458	51,582	10,115
2023	17,501	11,737	53,417	8,281
2024	18,253	10,985	55,297	6,401
2025-2029	103,720	42,472	151,654	7,191
2030-2034	127,993	18,199	0	0
2035-2039	13,030	273	0	0
Totals	<u>\$328,794</u>	<u>\$123,085</u>	<u>\$531,587</u>	<u>\$62,093</u>

Police and Firemen's Pension Fund - The City's liability for past service costs related to the Police and Firemen's Pension Fund at December 31, 2019 was \$451,879 in principal and interest payments through the year 2035. Only the principal amount of \$328,794 is included in the Long-Term debt amount.

Pumper Fire Truck Installment Loan - Collateral for the 2014 Pumper Fire Truck installment loan consists of a certificate of deposit in the name of the City of Ironton with a December 31, 2019 current value of \$1,146,733 and a hold value of \$121,765.

Moulten Field Flood System Installment Loan - Collateral for the 2017 Moulten Field Flood System installment loan consists of a certificate of deposit in the name of the City of Ironton with a December 31, 2019 current value of \$1,146,733 and a hold value of \$409,822 related to this loan.

CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 9 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (Continued)

General Obligation Bond Issuance – In October 2019 the City issued \$1,515,000 of various purpose bonds. \$589,000 of the issuance was used to refund bonds previously issued for water storage improvements. The refunding bonds carry an interest rate of 2.40% and mature in 2023. The remaining \$926,000 of bonds carry an interest rate of 2.40% and mature in 2029. \$67,000 was used for the purchase of a track hoe, \$268,000 was for the purchase of a street sweeper, and \$591,000 was for water facility improvements.

In December 2019 the City issued \$353,145 of general obligation bonds for sewer system improvements. The bonds carry an interest rate of 3.0% and mature in 2024.

Debt Defeasance – In October 2019 the City defeased \$578,000 of water storage general obligation bonds dated August 1, 2008 through the issuance of \$589,000 of various purpose general obligation refunding bonds. The net proceeds of the 2019 bonds have been used to currently refund the 2008 bonds. The refunding reduced the City's debt service payments over the life of the refunded bonds by \$52,699. The City obtained an economic gain (difference between the present values of the old and new debt service payments) of \$23,279.

On August 22, 2019, Council adopted an ordinance for issuance of Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020. Those bonds are anticipated to be in the amount of \$9,115,000 and are expected to be dated September 3, 2020.

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NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The City is exposed to various risks of property and casualty losses, and injuries to employees.

Risk Pool Membership

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 City'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:

2019

Cash and investments	\$ 38,432,610
Actuarial liabilities	\$14,705,917

There has been no significant reduction in insurance coverages from coverages in the prior year. In addition, settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverages in any of the past three fiscal years.

Workers' Compensation claims are covered through the City's participation in the State of Ohio's program. The City pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium based upon a rate per \$100 of payroll. The rate is determined based on accident history and administrative costs.

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NOTE 11 - CONTINGENCIES

The City is party to legal proceedings. However, no liability has been accrued since the ultimate disposition of these claims and legal proceedings has yet to be determined and the amount of liability, if any, is not measurable.

The City received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreement and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the general fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the City at December 31, 2019.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NOTE 12 - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

Huntington-Ironton Empowerment Zone - The Huntington-Ironton Empowerment Zone Board (EZ) is a newly created not-for-profit corporation with private foundation status which will provide management and oversight to the Empowerment Zone projects and programs according to Internal Revenue Service regulations. The EZ Board administers Empowerment Zone Programs for the City.

The purposes of the governing foundation include:

- To organize and administer the Empowerment Zone Program using the strategic plan developed with public input as a guide;
- To insure sound fiscal management of all assets received and disbursed by the corporation;
- To foster, facilitate and direct regional cooperative efforts such as economic planning and implementation;
- To seek and administer grants, accept and distribute donations of cash, property, other gifts and bequests, and other fundraising efforts which further the charitable cause of the organization;
- To foster job development, job creation, and workforce development;
- To provide accountability of resources to funders and citizens;
- To conduct research and develop new approaches to regional economic development issues; and,
- To market and promote the Empowerment Zone Program including tax exempt bond financing and other tax incentives to potential developers and employers.

The EZ Board is comprised of a 15-member Board of Directors, which has decision-making authority. The Board members are appointed by regional entities, serve two-year terms and comprise a cross-representation of the region. Of the fifteen members:

- Four are appointed by the elected officials of the local units of government (City of Huntington, Cabell County, City of Ironton, Lawrence County) and serve at the will and pleasure of the appointing entity;
- Four are appointed by regional business and development organizations (Huntington Area Developmental Council, Lawrence Economic Development Corporation, Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce, Greater Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce); and,
- Seven at-large members are nominated by the Nominating Committee, appointed by the Board, and are residents or other stakeholders of the Empowerment Zone.

Woodland Union Cemetery - Woodland Union Cemetery was established under Ohio Revised Code Section 517. The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges for Woodland Union Cemetery as a body corporate and politic. The City of Ironton and Upper Township appoint a three-member Board of Trustees to direct cemetery operations. The Cemetery provides grounds maintenance, opening and closing of graves, and the sale of lots. The Cemetery is not dependent upon the City of Ironton for its continued existence.

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NOTE 12 - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS (Continued)

KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission -The KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission was established by joint resolution adopted by the State of West Virginia and Ohio. The objectives and policies of the Commission are prescribed in the West Virginia State Code, Chapter 8, Articles 4C-4 and the Ohio Revised Code, Section 713.30 et seq. Membership is comprised of elected or appointed county and municipal officials or their officially appointed designees as determined by the three county governing bodies of Cabell and Wayne Counties, West Virginia, and Lawrence County, Ohio, and by the governing bodies of the cities of Huntington, West Virginia, and Ironton, Ohio. The Commission is not dependent upon the City of Ironton for its continued existence.

Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission - The Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission is a jointly governed organization that serves a twelve county economic development planning district in southern Ohio. The commission was formed to influence favorably the future economic, physical and social development of Adams, Brown, Clermont, Fayette, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto, and Vinton Counties. Membership is comprised of elected and appointed county, municipal and township officials or their officially appointed designees, as well as members of the private sector, community action agencies and regional planning commissions. The Commission is not dependent upon the City of Ironton for its existence.

Lawrence County Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) - The Lawrence County Economic Development Corporation is a not for profit Community Improvement Corporation formed under Chapter 1724 of the Ohio Revised Code. The LEDC was formed in 1983 and was designated as the economic development agent for the City of Ironton and Lawrence County. The goal of the agency is job creation and retention. The LEDC is administered by a Board of Trustees, composed of local elected officials and local business leaders. The LEDC is not dependent upon the City of Ironton for its existence.

NOTE 13 – SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS

The City had the following significant contractual commitments at December 31, 2019:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Remaining Contractual Commitment</u>
Sanitary Sewer Separation Phase IV	\$41,054
Ironton General Engineering Services	25,000
Riverfront Bike Trail	312,663
	<u>\$378,717</u>

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NOTE 13 – SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS (Continued)

Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and services. Encumbrances accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilitate effective cash planning and control. At year end, the amount of encumbrances expected to be honored upon performance by the vendor in the next fiscal year were as follows:

At December 31, 2019 the City had encumbrance commitments in the Governmental Funds as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Encumbrances</u>
Governmental Funds:	
General	\$23,742
Other Governmental Funds	<u>214,867</u>
Total Governmental Funds	<u><u>\$238,609</u></u>

NOTE 14 – SUBSEQUENT EVENT

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The financial impact of COVID-19 and ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the City. The investments of the pension and other employee benefit plans in which the City participates have incurred a significant decline in fair value, consistent with the general decline in financial markets. However, because the values of individual investments fluctuate with market conditions, and due to market volatility, the amount of those losses that will be recognized in subsequent periods, if any, cannot be determined. In addition, the impact on the City's future operating costs, revenues, and any recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.

NOTE 15 - RESTATEMENT OF PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were re-issued due to a correction of an error in previously issued financial statements. On the fund financial statements, Other Governmental Funds intergovernmental revenues and capital outlay expenditures increased by \$723,902. On the government-wide financial statements, capital grants and contributions and capital outlay expenditures increased \$723,902 for the governmental activities.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO

***Schedule of City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Last Six Years***

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017
City's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.018480%	0.018480%	0.019369%	0.019292%
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$2,178,602	\$2,228,948	\$3,354,908	\$4,380,882
City's covered payroll	\$2,279,438	\$2,250,508	\$2,408,458	\$2,492,475
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	95.58%	99.04%	139.30%	175.76%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	86.36%	86.45%	81.08%	77.25%

Source: Finance Director's Office and the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017
City's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.069064%	0.069064%	0.080443%	0.071812%
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$3,363,628	\$3,577,798	\$5,174,974	\$4,548,477
City's covered payroll	\$1,409,147	\$1,397,339	\$1,622,091	\$1,524,281
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	238.70%	256.04%	319.03%	298.40%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	73.00%	72.20%	66.77%	68.36%

Source: Finance Director's Office and the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund

Notes: The City implemented GASB Statement 68 in 2015.

Information prior to 2014 is not available.

The schedule is reported as of the fiscal date of the Net Pension Liability.

See notes to the required supplementary information

CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
0.020080%	0.019245%
\$3,150,189	\$5,270,815
\$2,698,500	\$2,658,629
116.74%	198.25%
84.66%	74.70%

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
0.074965%	0.069033%
\$4,600,956	\$5,634,917
\$1,553,130	\$1,549,748
296.24%	363.60%
70.91%	63.07%

CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO

***Schedule of City Pension Contributions
Last Seven Years***

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Year	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$296,327	\$270,061	\$289,015
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>296,327</u>	<u>270,061</u>	<u>289,015</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
City's covered payroll	\$2,279,438	\$2,250,508	\$2,408,458
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	13.00%	12.00%	12.00%

Source: Finance Director's Office and the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund

Year	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$243,158	\$298,759	\$346,333
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>243,158</u>	<u>298,759</u>	<u>346,333</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
City's covered payroll	\$1,409,147	\$1,397,339	\$1,622,091
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	17.26%	21.38%	21.35%

Source: Finance Director's Office and the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund

Notes: The City implemented GASB Statement 68 in 2015.
Information prior to 2013 is not available.
See notes to the required supplementary information

CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO

<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
\$299,097	\$350,805	\$372,208	\$378,050
<u>299,097</u>	<u>350,805</u>	<u>372,208</u>	<u>378,050</u>
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
\$2,492,475	\$2,698,500	\$2,658,629	\$2,700,357
12.00%	13.00%	14.00%	14.00%

<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
\$325,914	\$331,978	\$331,250	\$321,029
<u>325,914</u>	<u>331,978</u>	<u>331,250</u>	<u>321,029</u>
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
\$1,524,281	\$1,553,130	\$1,549,748	\$1,502,239
21.38%	21.37%	21.37%	21.37%

CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO

***Schedule of City's Proportionate Share of the Net Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) Liability
Last Three Years***

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Year	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
City's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)	0.018960%	0.019652%	0.018654%
City's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$1,915,033	\$2,134,087	\$2,432,041
City's covered payroll	\$2,492,475	\$2,698,500	\$2,658,629
City's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	76.83%	79.08%	91.48%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	54.50%	54.14%	46.33%

Source: Finance Director's Office and the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund

Year	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
City's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)	0.071812%	0.074965%	0.069033%
City's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$3,408,737	\$4,247,426	\$628,651
City's covered payroll	\$1,524,281	\$1,553,130	\$1,549,748
City's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	223.63%	273.48%	40.56%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	15.96%	14.13%	46.57%

Source: Finance Director's Office and the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund

Notes: The City implemented GASB Statement 75 in 2018.

Information prior to 2017 is not available.

The schedule is reported as of the fiscal date of the Net OPEB Liability.

See notes to the required supplementary information

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CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO

***Schedule of City's Other Postemployment Benefit (OPEB) Contributions
Last Seven Years***

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Year	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$22,794	\$45,010	\$48,169
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>22,794</u>	<u>45,010</u>	<u>48,169</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
City's covered payroll	\$2,279,438	\$2,250,508	\$2,408,458
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	1.00%	2.00%	2.00%

Source: Finance Director's Office and the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund

Year	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$46,891	\$6,987	\$8,110
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>46,891</u>	<u>6,987</u>	<u>8,110</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
City's covered payroll	\$1,409,147	\$1,397,339	\$1,622,091
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	3.33%	0.50%	0.50%

Source: Finance Director's Office and the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund

Notes: The City implemented GASB Statement 75 in 2018.
 Information prior to 2013 is not available.
 See notes to the required supplementary information

CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO

2016	2017	2018	2019
\$49,850	\$26,985	\$0	\$0
<u>49,850</u>	<u>26,985</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
\$2,492,475	\$2,698,500	\$2,658,629	\$2,700,357
2.00%	1.00%	0.00%	0.00%

2016	2017	2018	2019
\$7,621	\$7,766	\$7,749	\$7,511
<u>7,621</u>	<u>7,766</u>	<u>7,749</u>	<u>7,511</u>
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
\$1,524,281	\$1,553,130	\$1,549,748	\$1,502,239
0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%

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CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NET PENSION LIABILITY

OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS)

Changes in benefit terms: There were no changes in benefit terms for the period 2014-2019.

Changes in assumptions:

2014-2016: There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions.

2017: The following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date:

- Reduction in actuarial assumed rate of return from 8.00% to 7.50%
- Decrease in wage inflation from 3.75% to 3.25%
- Change in future salary increases from a range of 4.25%-10.02% to 3.25%-10.75%
- Amounts reported beginning in 2017 use mortality rates based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant mortality Table.

2018: There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions.

2019: The following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date:

- Reduction in actuarial assumed rate of return from 7.50% to 7.20%

OHIO POLICE AND FIRE (OP&F) PENSION FUND

Changes in benefit terms: There were no changes in benefit terms for the period 2014-2019.

Changes in assumptions:

2014-2017: There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions.

2018: The following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected total pension liability since the prior measurement date:

- Reduction in actuarial assumed rate of return from 8.25% to 8.00%
- Decrease salary increases from 3.75% to 3.25%
- Change in payroll growth from 3.75% to 3.25%
- Reduce DROP interest rate from 4.5% to 4.0%
- Reduce CPI-based COLA from 2.6% to 2.2%
- Inflation component reduced from 3.25% to 2.75%
- For the January 1, 2017, valuation, mortality for non-disabled participants is based on the RP-2014 Total Employee and Healthy Annuitant Mortality Tables rolled back to 2006
- For the January 1, 2017, valuation, mortality for disabled retirees is based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Tables rolled back to 2006

2019: There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions.

CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

NET OPEB LIABILITY

OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS)

Changes in benefit terms: There were no changes in benefit terms for the periods 2018-2019.

Changes in assumptions:

For 2018, the single discount rate changed from 4.23% to 3.85%.

2019: The following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- The single discount rate changed from 3.85% to 3.96%.
- Reduction in actuarial assumed rate of return from 6.50% to 6.00%
- Change in health care cost trend rate from 7.5% to 10%
- The Municipal Bond Rate changed from 3.31% to 3.71%

OHIO POLICE AND FIRE (OP&F) PENSION FUND

Changes in benefit terms:

2018: There were no changes in benefit terms.

2019: The retiree health care model and the current self-insured health care plan were replaced with a stipend-based health care model.

Changes in assumptions:

2018: The single discount rate changed from 3.79% to 3.24%.

2019: The following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date:

- The single discount rate changed from 3.24% to 4.66%.

CITY OF IRONTON
LAWRENCE COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

FEDERAL GRANTOR <i>Pass Through Grantor</i> Program / Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass Through Grant Year	Provided Through to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT				
<i>Passed through Ohio Development Services Agency</i>				
Community Development Block Grants/State's Program	14.228	A-E-18-2CA-1	\$ 0	\$ 500,000
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			<u>0</u>	<u>500,000</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Transportation</i>				
Highway Planning and Construction Cluster:				
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	91063	<u>0</u>	<u>723,902</u>
Total Department of Homeland Security			<u>0</u>	<u>723,902</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,223,902</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

**CITY OF IRONTON
LAWRENCE COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
2 CFR 200.510(b)(6)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

NOTE A - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the City of Ironton (the City's) under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2019. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the City, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the City.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable or may be limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE C - INDIRECT COST RATE

The City has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE D - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM WITH REVOLVING LOAN CASH BALANCE

The City has an Ohio Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Program Income Account. The current cash balance of the City of Ironton's local program income accounts as of December 31, 2019 is \$79,024.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

City of Ironton
Lawrence County
301 South Third Street
Ironton, Ohio 45638

To the City Council:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the modified cash-basis financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Ironton, Lawrence County, (the City) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated August 18, 2020, except for the restatement described in Note 15, which is as of February 25, 2021, wherein we noted the City uses a special purpose framework other than generally accepted accounting principles. We also noted the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of the City.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the City's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinion on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the City's financial statements. 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 internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Therefore, unidentified material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings that we consider a material weakness. We consider Finding 2019-002 to be a material weakness and determined this report should include this material weakness subsequent to our August 18, 2020 report.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the City's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item 2019-001. Subsequent to issuing our August 18, 2020 report, we determined this report should also include 2019-002.

This report includes finding 2019-002, and replaces our report dated August 18, 2020.

City's Response to Findings

The City's responses to the Findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Corrective Action Plan. We did not subject the City's responses to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the City's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

August 18, 2020, except for Finding Number 2019-002, which is as of February 25, 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

City of Ironton
Lawrence County
301 South Third Street
Ironton, Ohio 45638

To the City Council:

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

We have audited the City of Ironton's, Lawrence County, Ohio (the City) compliance with the applicable requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could directly and materially affect the City of Ironton's major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2019. The *Summary of Auditor's Results* in the accompanying Schedule of Findings identifies the City's major federal program.

Management's Responsibility

The City's Management is responsible for complying with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal program.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on the City's compliance for the City's major federal program based on our audit of the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. Our compliance audit followed auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards for financial audits included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). These standards and the Uniform Guidance require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether noncompliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the City's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our compliance opinion on the City's major program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City's compliance.

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the City of Ironton complied, in all material respects with the compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2019.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

The City's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our compliance audit, we considered the City's internal control over compliance with the applicable requirements that could directly and materially affect a major federal program, to determine our auditing procedures appropriate for opining on each major federal program's compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or to timely detect and correct, noncompliance with a federal program's applicable compliance requirement. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a federal program compliance requirement will not be prevented, or timely detected and corrected. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with federal program's applicable compliance requirement that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

This report only describes the scope of our internal control over compliance tests and the results of this testing based on Uniform Guidance requirements. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

We have also audited the modified cash-basis financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Ironton (the City) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's financial statements. We issued our unmodified report thereon date August 18, 2020, except for the restatement described in Note 15 which is as of February 25, 2021, wherein we noted the City followed the special purpose framework the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion also explained that the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of the City. We conducted our audit to opine on the City's financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards presents additional analysis required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule is management's responsibility, and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records management used to prepare the basic financial statements. We subjected this schedule to the auditing procedures we applied to the basic financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling this schedule directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, this schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

City of Ironton
Lawrence County
Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with Requirements
Applicable to the Major Federal Program and on Internal Control Over
Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance
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Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio
February 25, 2021

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**CITY OF IRONTON
LAWRENCE COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
2 CFR § 200.515
DECEMBER 31, 2019**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS
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(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	Community Development Block Grants/State's Program – CFDA #14.228
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$ 750,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR § 200.520?	No

**2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

FINDING NUMBER 2019-001

Noncompliance

Ohio Rev. Code §117.38 provides that each public office shall file a financial report for each fiscal year. The Auditor of State may prescribe forms by rule or may issue guidelines, or both, for such reports. If the Auditor of State has not prescribed a rule regarding the form for the report, the public office shall submit its report on the form utilized by the public office.

Ohio Admin. Code § 117-2-03(B), which further clarifies the requirements of Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38, requires the City to file annual financial reports which are prepared using generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

The City prepared financial statements that, although formatted similar to financial statements prescribed by Governmental Accounting Standards Board, report on the basis of cash receipts and cash disbursements, rather than GAAP. The accompanying financial statements and notes omit certain assets, liabilities, deferred inflows/outflows of resources, fund equities/net position, and disclosures that, while presumed material, cannot be determined at this time.

Pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 the City may be fined and subject to various other administrative remedies for its failure to file the required financial report. Failure to report on a GAAP basis compromises the City's ability to evaluate and monitor the overall financial condition of the City. To help provide the users with more meaningful financial statements, the City should prepare its annual financial statements according to generally accepted accounting principles.

Officials' Response:

Finance Director will strive to comply in accordance with the ORC for filing upon availability of financial resources.

FINDING NUMBER 2019-002

Noncompliance and Material Weakness

In our audit engagement letter, as required by AU-C Section 210, *Terms of Engagement*, paragraph .06, management acknowledged its responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of their financial statements; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error as discussed in AU-C Section 210 paragraphs .A14 & .A16.

2 CFR Subpart F § 200.510(b) requires the auditee to prepare a Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) for the period covered by the City's financial statements which must include the total federal awards expended as determined in accordance with § 200.502.

The City did not post an on behalf Ohio Department of Transportation federal grant in the amount of \$723,902 causing intergovernmental revenue and capital outlay to be understated in Other Governmental Funds.

**FINDING NUMBER 2019-002
(Continued)**

The City did not include these on-behalf expenditures on their federal schedule as well, resulting in a single audit not being performed in accordance with **2 CFR 200.501**. See the Management Letter comment for additional information regarding the federal schedule.

The financial statements and federal schedule have been corrected for these errors. Note 15 to the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements has also been added to describe this restatement.

Failure to accurately post financial activity and monitor financial activity increases the risk that errors, theft and fraud could occur and not be detected in a timely manner.

We recommend that the City exercise due care when posting activity to the accounting records and preparing the financial statements and federal schedule.

Officials' Response:

Finance Director will strive to comply to Federal Schedule guidelines by asking for any copies of grants related to the projects in question. Copies of contracts will be requested before payment requests will be made. Although grant administrators may be used, copies of all agreements must be received by the City of Ironton Finance Department, thus eliminating the interpretation from others whether grants are federally funded, state funded, or if funding was received from other sources.

3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None.

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**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
2 CFR 200.511(b)
DECEMBER 31, 2019**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2018-001	Ohio Admin. Code § 117-2-03 – Financial statements not prepared following generally accepted accounting principles.	Not Corrected	See Finding Number 2019-001.

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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

2 CFR § 200.511(c)

December 31, 2019

Finding Number:	2019-001
Planned Corrective Action:	Finance Director will strive to comply in accordance with the ORC for filing upon availability of financial resources.
Anticipated Completion Date:	December 31, 2021
Responsible Contact Person:	John Elam, Finance Director
Finding Number:	2019-002
Planned Corrective Action:	Finance Director will strive to comply to Federal Schedule guidelines by asking for any copies of grants related to the projects in question. Copies of contracts will be requested before payment requests will be made. Although grant administrators may be used, copies of all agreements must be received by the City of Ironton Finance Department, thus eliminating the interpretation from others whether grants are federally funded, state funded, or if funding was received from other sources.
Anticipated Completion Date:	December 31, 2021
Responsible Contact Person:	John Elam, Finance Director

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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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