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HILLIARD CITY COUNCIL EXPANDS RESOURCES TO RECOVER STOLEN FUNDS

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The Hilliard City Council issued the below media statement today regarding the ongoing legal case against former City of Hilliard Deputy Director of Recreation and Parks Heather Ernst.

“Hilliard City Council continues to be vigilant in our efforts to secure a full recovery of funds stolen from the Hilliard Recreation and Parks Department and to aggressively pursue our civil case against former City of Hilliard Deputy Director of Recreation and Parks Heather Ernst.

“To guide us in that commitment, we have hired highly regarded local legal counsel – the Peterson Connors LLP firm to lead our civil litigation, and the Lane Alton law firm, which has specific expertise in the recovery of stolen monies.

“Council intends to deploy all necessary resources to obtain full restitution of the funds taken from the taxpayers of our community, to improve accountability in our financial processes and to put robust compliance protocols in place to assure something like this cannot happen again.

“We continue to take this case very seriously, and we recognize a successful outcome of this case is a priority for our residents, as it is for Council. We thank the Hilliard community for their patience as this matter progresses, and we will continue to update our website as new information is available.”

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Council encourages residents with questions or concerns regarding this matter to send their inquiries to citycouncil@hilliardohio.gov.

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