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HILLIARD CITY COUNCIL RESPONDS TO GUILTY PLEA OF HEATHER ERNST

October 3, 2018

The Hilliard City Council issued the below media statement today regarding the guilty plea in the criminal case against former City of Hilliard Deputy Director of Recreation and Parks Heather Ernst.

“Hilliard City Council is pleased that the former City of Hilliard Deputy Director of Recreation and Parks, Heather Ernst, accepted responsibility for her actions by pleading guilty today to two felonies – theft in office and attempted tampering with records. At her sentencing hearing later this year, the Council will ask the Court for full restitution of all stolen funds.

“Ernst’s admission of stealing from Hilliard’s taxpayers is the first major step towards holding her accountable for her theft in office and her betrayal of the public trust. The Council will continue to pursue full repayment of every dollar stolen.

The Council remains committed to our residents and to the community to support the investigation. We thank the Hilliard community for their ongoing patience in this matter, 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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