

City of Hilliard

Franklin County, Ohio

Basic Financial Statements

For the Year Ended

December 31, 2023



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

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2023 are as follows:

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the City exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the most recent fiscal year by approximately \$264.7 million (net position), an increase of \$30.8 million in comparison with the prior year.
- General revenues accounted for approximately \$70.5 million. Program specific revenues accounted for approximately \$32.2 million.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the City's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of approximately \$152.0 million, an approximately \$5.1 million decrease in comparison with the prior year.

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

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

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

Reporting the City as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

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

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These two statements report the City's net position and changes in that position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the City as a whole, the financial position of the City has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the City's tax base and the condition of capital assets.

Reporting the City's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The City, like other State and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the City can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary fund, and fiduciary funds.

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

Governmental Funds

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

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

The City maintains a multitude of individual governmental funds. The City has segregated these funds into major funds and nonmajor funds. The City's major governmental funds are the General Fund, TIF Fund, Recreation and Parks Fund, and Capital Improvement Municipal Tax Fund. Information for major funds is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances. Data from the other governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation.

Proprietary Fund

The City maintains one type of proprietary fund. The Internal Service Fund is used to report medical, dental, and vision activities that provide services to the City's other funds and departments; therefore, it has been included in the governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

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Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the City. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statement because the resources of those funds are not available to support the City's own programs.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

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

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

Statement of Net Position

Over time, net position can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At the end of the current fiscal year, the City's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources.

Capital assets reported on the government-wide statements represent the largest portion of the City's assets. Capital assets include buildings, improvements other than buildings, machinery and equipment, furniture and fixtures, vehicles, and infrastructure. These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens and are not available for future spending. Although the City's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources to repay the debt must be provided from other sources, since capital assets may not be used to liquidate these liabilities.

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The table below provides a comparative summary of the City's net position at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022.

	Net Position		
	2023	2022	Change
<u>Assets</u>			
Current and other assets	\$ 185,964,216	\$ 187,806,865	\$ (1,842,649)
Capital assets, net	<u>272,821,011</u>	<u>247,026,756</u>	<u>25,794,255</u>
Total assets	<u>458,785,227</u>	<u>434,833,621</u>	<u>23,951,606</u>
<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>			
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>17,545,282</u>	<u>11,556,605</u>	<u>5,988,677</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Current and other liabilities	11,780,203	11,065,563	714,640
Long-term liabilities:			
Net pension liability	37,976,737	20,265,998	17,710,739
Net OPEB liability	1,936,927	2,647,657	(710,730)
Other amounts	<u>140,542,062</u>	<u>151,125,615</u>	<u>(10,583,553)</u>
Total liabilities	<u>192,235,929</u>	<u>185,104,833</u>	<u>7,131,096</u>
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>			
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>19,438,069</u>	<u>27,422,414</u>	<u>(7,984,345)</u>
<u>Net Position</u>			
Net investment in capital assets	208,956,537	182,598,788	26,357,749
Restricted	37,863,093	43,524,058	(5,660,965)
Unrestricted	<u>17,836,881</u>	<u>7,740,133</u>	<u>10,096,748</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 264,656,511</u>	<u>\$ 233,862,979</u>	<u>\$ 30,793,532</u>

Current and other assets decreased significantly in comparison with the prior year. This decrease is primarily due to a decrease in cash and cash equivalents with fiscal agents. This decrease is mainly due to interest payments made during the year. Capital assets increased significantly in comparison with the prior year. This increase is primarily the result of current year capital asset additions exceeding current year depreciation and net disposals of assets.

Other long-term liabilities decreased significantly in comparison with the prior year. This decrease is primarily the result of principal payments made during the year.

The net pension and net OPEB asset/liabilities and related deferred outflows and inflows of resources all fluctuated significantly in comparison with the prior year. These fluctuations are due to changes in the actuarial liabilities and related accruals that are passed through to the City's financial statements. All components of pension and OPEB accruals contribute to the fluctuations in deferred outflows/inflows of resources and net pension/net OPEB asset/liability are described in more detail in their respective notes.

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Statement of Activities

The table below provides a comparative analysis of changes in net position for 2023 and 2022:

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Change in Net Position</u>		
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Change</u>
Program Revenues:			
Charges For Services	\$ 14,604,617	\$ 12,642,595	\$ 1,962,022
Operating Grants and Contributions	9,229,964	4,690,277	4,539,687
Capital Grants and Contributions	9,847,220	3,593,247	6,253,973
Total Program Revenues	<u>33,681,801</u>	<u>20,926,119</u>	<u>12,755,682</u>
General Revenues:			
Property Taxes	2,754,311	2,136,602	617,709
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	10,176,781	8,600,300	1,576,481
Income Taxes	53,214,551	43,023,595	10,190,956
Unrestricted Grants And Entitlements	1,021,976	1,487,968	(465,992)
Investment Earnings	2,705,504	(2,417,026)	5,122,530
Miscellaneous	599,034	286,167	312,867
Total General Revenues	<u>70,472,157</u>	<u>53,117,606</u>	<u>17,354,551</u>
Total Revenues	<u>104,153,958</u>	<u>74,043,725</u>	<u>30,110,233</u>
<u>Expenses</u>			
General Government	19,474,243	21,100,572	(1,626,329)
Security of Persons and Property	16,536,934	13,038,860	3,498,074
Public Health	481,181	454,383	26,798
Leisure Time Activities	9,215,652	4,778,104	4,437,548
Community Environment	3,030,928	2,079,122	951,806
Basic Utility Services	6,679,648	12,105,542	(5,425,894)
Transportation	12,597,227	15,508,723	(2,911,496)
Interest Expense	5,344,613	5,537,503	(192,890)
Total Expenses	<u>73,360,426</u>	<u>74,602,809</u>	<u>(1,242,383)</u>
Change in Net Position	30,793,532	(559,084)	31,352,616
Net Position at Beginning of Year	233,862,979	234,422,063	
Net Position at End of Year	<u>\$ 264,656,511</u>	<u>\$ 233,862,979</u>	

Capital grants and contributions increased significantly in comparison with the prior year. This increase is mainly due to an increase in infrastructure donations to the City for various infrastructure projects. Operating grants and contributions increased significantly in comparison with the prior year. This increase is primarily the result of a significant increase in investment earnings in the Recreation and Parks fund from unspent bond proceeds.

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Investment earnings increased significantly in comparison with the prior year. This increase is mainly due to the City earning a higher interest rate of return in comparison with the prior year.

Income taxes increased significantly in comparison with the prior year. This increase is primarily the result various factors, but can primarily be attributed to economic growth.

Total expenses decreased in comparison with the prior year. The decrease in pension and OPEB expense was primarily caused by market conditions of investments. Both retirement systems experienced a net loss from investing activity during the most current measurement period while in the prior measurement period, investing activity resulted in a gain. This was the most significant contributing factor to the increase in unfunded liability for both retirement plans and caused the OPERS' net OPEB asset to revert back to a net OPEB liability. These fluctuations are passed through to the City relative to their proportionate share of contributions of all members, which remained relatively constant from prior year for both retirement plans.

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

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

Governmental Funds

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

The schedule below indicates the fund balances and the total change in fund balances as of December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 for all major governmental funds.

	Fund Balance 12/31/2023	Fund Balance 12/31/2022	Increase/ (Decrease)
General	\$ 33,270,690	\$ 24,072,003	\$ 9,198,687
TIF	2,456,687	1,656,308	800,379
Capital Improvement Municipal Tax	19,267,956	17,467,316	1,800,640
Recreation and Parks	82,872,567	101,584,091	(18,711,524)

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the City. At year-end, fund balance in the General Fund increased significantly compared to prior year due to the increase in the interest rates for investments and an increase in income tax revenue. The increase in income tax revenue is primarily the result various factors, but can primarily be attributed to economic growth.

The Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Fund was established to account for payments in lieu of taxes received from various business owners to be used for City-owned infrastructure improvements that will benefit the business owners' properties. At year-end, fund balance in the TIF Fund increased compared to prior year due to greater collections against project expenditures and transfers out to fund capital projects.

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The Capital Improvement Municipal Tax Fund was established to account for 25 percent of the City's income tax collections and impact fees which are used for various capital improvements. At year-end, fund balance in the Capital Improvement Municipal Tax Fund increased in comparison to prior year. This increase represents greater difference in timing of collections compared to capital projects.

The Recreation and Parks Fund was established to account for a portion of the City's income tax collections to be used for capital and operation expenses related to the City's parks and recreation, including expenses related to the design, construction, maintenance, and operations of a new community center. At year-end, fund balance in the Recreation and Parks Fund decreased significantly in comparison with the prior year. This decrease is mainly due to the City spending down bond proceeds received in a prior year for the construction of the new community center.

Budgeting Highlights - General Fund

The City's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, cash disbursements and encumbrances. The appropriations ordinance is Council's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by Council as provided for in the City's charter.

The most significant fund for which budgetary information is presented is the General Fund. The actual revenues and other financing sources came in higher than the original and final budgeted amounts due to an increase in income tax revenue.

Actual expenditures and other financing uses came in lower than the final budgeted amounts. The variance is evenly divided between budget categories and reflects the effects of the administration's expense control measures. The final budgeted appropriations were greater than the original budgeted amounts. This variance is mainly due to estimated transfers to other funds.

Capital Assets

At the end of 2023, the City's investment in land, buildings, improvements other than buildings, machinery and equipment, furniture and fixtures, vehicles, infrastructure, and construction in progress increased in comparison with the prior year. This increase represents the amount in which additions exceeded net disposals and depreciation expense. During the year, the City continued construction on various projects such as the new community center.

See Note 10 in the notes to the financial statements for more detail on the City's capital assets.

Debt Administration

At the end of 2023, the City's long-term debt outstanding decreased in comparison with the prior year. This decrease represents the amount in which principal reduction payments and premium amortization exceeded new loans. During the year, the City entered into loans for the purpose of purchasing trucks and portable radios.

See Note 11 in the notes to the financial statements for more detail on the City's long-term obligations.

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Contacting the City's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, creditors, and investors with a general overview of the City's finances and to show the City's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Jennifer Kahle, Director of Finance, City of Hilliard, 3800 Municipal Way, Hilliard, Ohio 43026.

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City of Hilliard
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Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2023

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 152,382,625
Cash and Cash Equivalents with Escrow Agents	2,795,440
Property and Other Local Taxes Receivable	2,685,049
Payments in Lieu of Taxes Receivable	12,772,500
Municipal Income Taxes Receivable	12,180,314
Accounts Receivable	331,039
Due from Other Governments	2,817,249
Non-Depreciable Capital Assets	39,930,001
Depreciable Capital Assets, net	232,891,010
<i>Total Assets</i>	458,785,227
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Deferred Charges on Refunding	605,823
Pension	14,372,702
OPEB	2,566,757
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	17,545,282
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	993,337
Income Tax Refund Payable	4,912,759
Accrued Wages and Benefits	616,888
Due to Other Governments	236,784
Matured Compensated Absences Payable	362,901
Claims Payable	83,900
Unearned Revenue	2,282,457
Contracts Payable	162,598
Retainage Payable	1,668,977
Accrued Interest Payable	459,602
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year	10,966,128
Due In More Than One Year:	
Net Pension Liability	37,976,737
Net OPEB Liability	1,936,927
Other Amounts Due in More Than One Year	129,575,934
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	192,235,929
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Property and Other Local Taxes	2,477,312
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	12,772,500
Pension	2,297,368
OPEB	1,890,889
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	19,438,069
Net Position	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	208,956,537
Restricted for:	
Capital Outlay	20,552,157
Streets and Transportation	7,333,717
Parks and Recreation	9,593,783
Other Purposes	383,436
Unrestricted	17,836,881
<i>Total Net Position</i>	\$ 264,656,511

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	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position	
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities					
General Government	\$ 19,474,243	\$ 3,006,664	\$ 323,348	\$ 461,950	\$ (15,682,281)
Security of Persons and Property	16,536,934	1,537,701	-	213,861	(14,785,372)
Public Health	481,181	19,389	-	-	(461,792)
Leisure Time Activities	9,215,652	1,547,240	5,250,274	4,949	(2,413,189)
Community Environment	3,030,928	3,845,713	-	-	814,785
Basic Utility Service	6,679,648	4,647,910	520,686	7,426,237	5,915,185
Transportation	12,597,227	-	3,135,656	1,740,223	(7,721,348)
Interest Expense	5,344,613	-	-	-	(5,344,613)
<i>Total</i>	<u>\$ 73,360,426</u>	<u>\$ 14,604,617</u>	<u>\$ 9,229,964</u>	<u>\$ 9,847,220</u>	<u>(39,678,625)</u>

General Revenues

Property Taxes Levied for:	
General Purposes	2,754,311
Income Taxes Levied for:	
General Purposes	27,671,566
Capital Outlay	10,642,910
Parks & Recreation	10,642,911
Transportation	4,257,164
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	10,176,781
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs	1,021,976
Investment Earnings	2,705,504
Miscellaneous	599,034
<i>Total General Revenues</i>	<u>70,472,157</u>
<i>Change in Net Position</i>	30,793,532
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>	<u>233,862,979</u>
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 264,656,511</u>

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Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
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	General	TIF	Recreation and Parks Fund	Capital Improvement Municipal Tax	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets						
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 34,071,372	\$ 2,456,687	\$ 81,008,734	\$ 18,874,720	\$ 15,643,985	\$ 152,055,498
Cash and Cash Equivalents with Escrow Agents	-	-	2,795,440	-	-	2,795,440
Property and Other Local Taxes Receivable	2,685,049	-	-	-	-	2,685,049
Payments in Lieu of Taxes Receivable	-	12,772,500	-	-	-	12,772,500
Income Taxes Receivable	6,333,763	-	2,436,063	2,436,063	974,425	12,180,314
Accounts Receivable	207,645	-	-	-	123,394	331,039
Due from Other Governments	495,127	73,154	257,378	360,553	1,631,037	2,817,249
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$ 43,792,956</u>	<u>\$ 15,302,341</u>	<u>\$ 86,497,615</u>	<u>\$ 21,671,336</u>	<u>\$ 18,372,841</u>	<u>\$ 185,637,089</u>
Liabilities						
Accounts Payable	\$ 726,803	\$ -	\$ 77,031	\$ -	\$ 189,503	\$ 993,337
Income Tax Refund Payable	2,554,635	-	982,551	982,552	393,021	4,912,759
Accrued Wages and Benefits	468,682	-	77,038	-	71,168	616,888
Due to Other Governments	193,139	-	22,687	-	20,958	236,784
Matured Compensated Absences Payable	334,088	-	16,108	-	12,705	362,901
Contracts Payable	15,000	-	-	132,824	14,774	162,598
Retainage Payable	-	-	1,367,725	206,096	95,156	1,668,977
Unearned Revenue	410,867	-	-	-	1,871,590	2,282,457
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>4,703,214</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,543,140</u>	<u>1,321,472</u>	<u>2,668,875</u>	<u>11,236,701</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources						
Property Taxes Levied for the Next Year	2,477,312	-	-	-	-	2,477,312
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	-	12,772,500	-	-	-	12,772,500
Unavailable Revenue	3,341,740	73,154	1,081,908	1,081,908	1,562,644	7,141,354
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>5,819,052</u>	<u>12,845,654</u>	<u>1,081,908</u>	<u>1,081,908</u>	<u>1,562,644</u>	<u>22,391,166</u>
Fund Balances						
Restricted	-	2,456,687	82,872,567	19,267,956	3,990,778	108,587,988
Committed	-	-	-	-	10,150,544	10,150,544
Assigned	3,952,760	-	-	-	-	3,952,760
Unassigned	29,317,930	-	-	-	-	29,317,930
<i>Total Fund Balance</i>	<u>33,270,690</u>	<u>2,456,687</u>	<u>82,872,567</u>	<u>19,267,956</u>	<u>14,141,322</u>	<u>152,009,222</u>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</i>	<u>\$ 43,792,956</u>	<u>\$ 15,302,341</u>	<u>\$ 86,497,615</u>	<u>\$ 21,671,336</u>	<u>\$ 18,372,841</u>	<u>\$ 185,637,089</u>

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Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to
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Total Governmental Fund Balances		\$	152,009,222
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:</i>			
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.			272,821,011
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds:			
Income Tax	\$	5,409,541	
Delinquent Property Tax		42,354	
Intergovernmental		1,579,362	
Accounts		<u>110,097</u>	7,141,354
An internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service fund are included in governmental activities in the statement of net position.			243,227
Accrued interest payable is not due and payable in the current period and therefore not reported in the funds.			(459,602)
Unamortized loss on refunding represents deferred outflows, which do not use current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.			605,823
The net pension liability and net OPEB liability are not due and payable in the current period, therefore, the liabilities and related deferred inflows/outflows of resources are not reported in governmental funds.			
Deferred Outflows - Pension		14,372,702	
Deferred Outflows - OPEB		2,566,757	
Net Pension Liability		(37,976,737)	
Net OPEB Liability		(1,936,927)	
Deferred Inflows - Pension		(2,297,368)	
Deferred Inflows - OPEB		<u>(1,890,889)</u>	(27,162,462)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:			
General and Special Obligation Bonds		(112,877,390)	
Loans Payable		(12,208,715)	
Unamortized Bond Premiums		(12,692,747)	
Compensated Absences		<u>(2,763,210)</u>	<u>(140,542,062)</u>
<i>Net Position of Governmental Activities</i>		<u>\$</u>	<u>264,656,511</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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City of Hilliard
Franklin County, Ohio
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	General	TIF	Recreation and Parks Fund	Capital Improvement Municipal Tax	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues						
Property and Other Taxes	\$ 2,753,070	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,753,070
Municipal Income Taxes	26,734,682	-	10,282,572	10,282,571	4,113,028	51,412,853
Payments in Lieu of Tax:	-	10,176,781	-	-	-	10,176,781
Charges for Services	5,889,629	-	1,321,885	-	3,660,868	10,872,382
Licenses and Permits	3,352,129	-	-	-	1,800	3,353,929
Fines and Forfeitures	114,366	-	17,414	-	239,658	371,438
Intergovernmental	1,013,748	146,797	855,588	1,470,954	3,517,630	7,004,717
Investment Earnings	2,705,504	-	4,237,070	-	84,784	7,027,358
Miscellaneous	293,529	-	300	-	4,507	298,336
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>42,856,657</u>	<u>10,323,578</u>	<u>16,714,829</u>	<u>11,753,525</u>	<u>11,622,275</u>	<u>93,270,864</u>
Expenditures						
Current:						
General Government	14,327,877	2,993,823	7,461	2,031,994	421,854	19,783,009
Security of Persons and Property	13,081,005	-	-	938,633	72,306	14,091,944
Public Health	460,356	-	-	-	20,825	481,181
Leisure Time Activities	-	-	26,678,884	21,720	92,665	26,793,269
Community and Economic Development	2,729,220	-	-	-	-	2,729,220
Basic Utility Service	512,247	-	-	1,116,857	3,405,594	5,034,698
Transportation	343,557	5,699,866	9,853	2,536,802	5,264,002	13,854,080
Debt Service:						
Principal Retirement	-	264,900	4,610,847	5,345,208	389,500	10,610,455
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	35,066	4,119,308	1,604,340	100,500	5,859,214
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>31,454,262</u>	<u>8,993,655</u>	<u>35,426,353</u>	<u>13,595,554</u>	<u>9,767,246</u>	<u>99,237,070</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>11,402,395</u>	<u>1,329,923</u>	<u>(18,711,524)</u>	<u>(1,842,029)</u>	<u>1,855,029</u>	<u>(5,966,206)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	77,643	-	-	223,055	-	300,698
Inception of Financed Purchase	-	-	-	608,719	-	608,719
Transfers In	-	-	-	2,810,895	-	2,810,895
Transfers Out	(2,281,351)	(529,544)	-	-	-	(2,810,895)
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>(2,203,708)</u>	<u>(529,544)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,642,669</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>909,417</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	9,198,687	800,379	(18,711,524)	1,800,640	1,855,029	(5,056,789)
<i>Fund Balances Beginning of Year</i>	<u>24,072,003</u>	<u>1,656,308</u>	<u>101,584,091</u>	<u>17,467,316</u>	<u>12,286,293</u>	<u>157,066,011</u>
<i>Fund Balances End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 33,270,690</u>	<u>\$ 2,456,687</u>	<u>\$ 82,872,567</u>	<u>\$ 19,267,956</u>	<u>\$ 14,141,322</u>	<u>\$ 152,009,222</u>

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City of Hilliard
Franklin County, Ohio
*Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023*

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$	(5,056,789)
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because</i>		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.		
Capital Asset Additions	\$ 40,455,165	
Current Year Depreciation	<u>(14,236,522)</u>	26,218,643
Governmental funds only report the disposal of capital assets to the extent proceeds are received from the sale. In the statement of activities, a gain or loss is reported for each disposal.		
		(424,388)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		
Income Tax	1,801,698	
Property Tax	1,241	
Intergovernmental	396,323	
Accounts	<u>6,868</u>	2,206,130
Repayment of principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.		
General Obligation Bonds	9,587,610	
Loans Payable	<u>1,022,845</u>	10,610,455
Debt proceeds issued in the governmental funds that increase long-term liabilities in the statement of net position are not reported as revenues.		
Financed Purchase		(608,719)
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, and bond premium and the gain/loss on refunding are amortized over the term of the bonds, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when bonds are issued.		
Accrued Interest Payable	35,349	
Amortization of Premium on Bonds	701,387	
Amortization of Refunding Loss	<u>(222,135)</u>	514,601
Contractually required pension/OPEB contributions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds; however, the statement of net position reports these amounts as deferred outflows.		
Pension	2,663,792	
OPEB	<u>35,511</u>	2,699,303
Except for amount reported as deferred inflows/outflows, changes in the net pension/OPEB liability are reported as pension/OPEB expense in the statement of activities.		
Pension	(5,675,755)	
OPEB	<u>426,443</u>	(5,249,312)
The internal service fund used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds is not reported in the statement of activities. Governmental expenditures and related internal service fund revenues are eliminated. The net revenue (expense) of the internal service fund is allocated among the governmental activities.		
		3,178
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities, do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		
Compensated Absences		<u>(119,570)</u>
<i>Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities</i>	\$	<u>30,793,532</u>

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City of Hilliard
Franklin County, Ohio
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in
Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual
General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Property and Other Taxes	\$ 2,340,772	\$ 2,340,772	\$ 2,167,974	\$ (172,798)
Municipal Income Taxes	20,999,580	20,999,580	26,442,852	5,443,272
Charges for Services	4,730,000	4,730,000	3,642,264	(1,087,736)
Licenses and Permits	1,251,500	1,251,500	1,825,271	573,771
Fines and Forfeitures	300,000	300,000	114,366	(185,634)
Intergovernmental	927,220	927,220	1,016,707	89,487
Investment Earnings	503,000	503,000	61,196	(441,804)
Miscellaneous	164,000	164,000	190,180	26,180
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>31,216,072</u>	<u>31,216,072</u>	<u>35,460,810</u>	<u>4,244,738</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
General Government	14,890,669	15,285,219	13,899,280	1,385,939
Security of Persons and Property	14,098,243	14,383,755	13,527,338	856,417
Public Health	403,228	403,228	380,488	22,740
Leisure Time Activities	84,499	84,499	-	84,499
Community Environment	2,076,408	2,004,058	1,731,879	272,179
Transportation	431,134	431,134	395,249	35,885
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>31,984,181</u>	<u>32,591,893</u>	<u>29,934,234</u>	<u>2,657,659</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>(768,109)</u>	<u>(1,375,821)</u>	<u>5,526,576</u>	<u>6,902,397</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	300,000	300,000	77,893	(222,107)
Transfers In	150,000	150,000	562,259	412,259
Transfers Out	-	(2,798,882)	(2,798,882)	-
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>450,000</u>	<u>(2,348,882)</u>	<u>(2,158,730)</u>	<u>190,152</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<u>(318,109)</u>	<u>(3,724,703)</u>	<u>3,367,846</u>	<u>7,092,549</u>
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	21,880,728	21,880,728	21,880,728	5,125,132
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	<u>2,753,606</u>	<u>2,753,606</u>	<u>2,753,606</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 24,316,225</u>	<u>\$ 20,909,631</u>	<u>\$ 28,002,180</u>	<u>\$ 12,217,681</u>

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City of Hilliard
Franklin County, Ohio
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in
Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual
TIF Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 11,240,000	\$ 11,240,000	\$ 10,176,781	\$ (1,063,219)
Intergovernmental	100,000	100,000	146,797	46,797
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>11,340,000</u>	<u>11,340,000</u>	<u>10,323,578</u>	<u>(1,016,422)</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
General Government	-	3,002,080	2,993,823	8,257
Transportation	-	5,702,100	5,699,866	2,234
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	264,934	264,934	264,900	34
Interest and Fiscal Charges	35,066	35,066	35,066	-
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>9,004,180</u>	<u>8,993,655</u>	<u>10,525</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>11,040,000</u>	<u>2,335,820</u>	<u>1,329,923</u>	<u>(1,005,897)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers Out	-	(530,000)	(529,544)	456
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>(530,000)</u>	<u>(529,544)</u>	<u>456</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	11,040,000	1,805,820	800,379	(1,005,441)
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<u>1,656,307</u>	<u>1,656,307</u>	<u>1,656,307</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 12,696,307</u>	<u>\$ 3,462,127</u>	<u>\$ 2,456,686</u>	<u>\$ (1,005,441)</u>

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City of Hilliard
Franklin County, Ohio
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in
Fund Balance - Budget (non-GAAP Basis) and Actual
Recreation and Parks Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Municipal Income Taxes	\$ 7,999,840	\$ 7,999,840	\$ 10,170,328	\$ 2,170,488
Charges for Services	1,494,000	1,494,000	1,321,881	(172,119)
Fines and Forfeitures	-	-	17,414	17,414
Intergovernmental	-	-	598,210	598,210
Investment Earnings	50,000	50,000	4,237,070	4,187,070
Miscellaneous	-	-	300	300
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>9,543,840</u>	<u>9,543,840</u>	<u>16,345,203</u>	<u>6,801,363</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
General Government	48,000	48,000	48,000	-
Leisure Time Activities	106,398,418	106,865,418	83,782,487	23,082,931
Transportation	285,000	285,000	177,774	107,226
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	4,748,237	4,748,237	4,610,847	137,390
Interest and Fiscal Charges	11,108	11,108	4,119,308	(4,108,200)
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>111,490,763</u>	<u>111,957,763</u>	<u>92,738,416</u>	<u>19,219,347</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>(101,946,923)</u>	<u>(102,413,923)</u>	<u>(76,393,213)</u>	<u>26,020,710</u>
Other Financing Sources				
Proceeds of Bonds	10,000,000	10,000,000	-	(10,000,000)
<i>Total Other Financing Sources</i>	<u>10,000,000</u>	<u>10,000,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,000,000)</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	(91,946,923)	(92,413,923)	(76,393,213)	16,020,710
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	99,643,653	99,643,653	99,643,653	-
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	1,893,067	1,893,067	1,893,067	-
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 9,589,797</u>	<u>\$ 9,122,797</u>	<u>\$ 25,143,507</u>	<u>\$ 16,020,710</u>

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City of Hilliard
Franklin County, Ohio
Statement of Fund Net Position
Proprietary Fund
December 31, 2023

	Governmental Activities
	Internal Service Fund
Assets	
<i>Current Assets:</i>	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 327,127
<i>Total Current Assets</i>	327,127
Liabilities	
<i>Current Liabilities:</i>	
Claims Payable	83,900
<i>Total Current Liabilities</i>	83,900
Net Position	
Unrestricted	243,227
<i>Total Net Position</i>	\$ 243,227

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

City of Hilliard
Franklin County, Ohio
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position
Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Governmental Activities
	Internal Service Fund
Operating Revenues	
Charges for Services	\$ 3,418,103
<i>Total Operating Revenues</i>	<i>3,418,103</i>
Operating Expenses	
Claims	3,414,925
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	<i>3,414,925</i>
<i>Change in Net Position/Operating Income</i>	3,178
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>	<i>240,049</i>
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	<i>\$ 243,227</i>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

City of Hilliard
Franklin County, Ohio
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Governmental Activities
	Internal Service Fund
Cash Flows from Operating Activities	
Cash Received from Customers	\$ 3,418,103
Cash Payments for Claims	(3,380,935)
<i>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i>	<u>37,168</u>
<i>Net Increase in Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments</i>	37,168
<i>Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments Beginning of Year</i>	<u>289,959</u>
<i>Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 327,127</u>
 Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	
Operating Income	\$ 3,178
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Increase in Claims Payable	33,990
<i>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i>	<u>\$ 37,168</u>

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City of Hilliard
Franklin County, Ohio
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
December 31, 2023

	Custodial
Assets	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 271,311
Cash and Cash Equivalents in Segregated Accounts	43,678
<i>Total Assets</i>	314,989
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	2,504
Due to Other Governments	43,678
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	46,182
Net Position	
Restricted for Individuals, Organizations, and Other Governments	268,807
<i>Total Net Position</i>	\$ 268,807

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

City of Hilliard
Franklin County, Ohio
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Custodial
Additions	
Fines & Forfeitures for Other Governments	\$ 196,109
Other	228,835
	424,944
<i>Total Additions</i>	<i>424,944</i>
 Deductions	
Fines & Forfeitures Distributions to Other Governments	196,109
Miscellaneous	70,704
	266,813
<i>Total Deductions</i>	<i>266,813</i>
 <i>Change in Net Position</i>	 <i>158,131</i>
 <i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>	 <i>110,676</i>
 <i>Net Position End of Year</i>	 <i>\$ 268,807</i>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

City of Hilliard
Franklin County, Ohio
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

NOTE 1 – REPORTING ENTITY

The City of Hilliard (the “City”) is a home rule municipal corporation organized under the laws of the State of Ohio. The City operates under its own Charter. The Charter was adopted January 1, 1963, and was changed by voter approval on November 5, 2020. Beginning January 1, 2020, the City began operating under a Council/City Manager form of government.

Reporting Entity

A reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units and other organizations that are included to ensure that the financial statements are not misleading. The primary government of the City consists of all funds and departments which comprise the legal entity of the City. The City provides various services including police protection, parks and recreation, planning, zoning, engineering, street maintenance, snow removal, refuse collection, and other governmental services. Water and sewer services are provided by the City of Columbus, although the City of Hilliard maintains the water and sewer lines. Norwich Township provides fire protection.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the City is financially accountable. The City is financially accountable for an organization if the City appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the City is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the City is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the City is legally obligated or has assumed the responsibility to finance the 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 organization's budget, the levying of its taxes or the issuance of its debt. The City has no component units.

The City of Hilliard Mayor's Court has been included in the City's financial statements as a custodial fund. The Mayor is an elected City official who has a fiduciary responsibility for the collection and distribution of court fees and fines.

Related and Jointly Governed Organizations

Hilliard Arts Council Corporation - The Hilliard Arts Council Corporation (the Corporation) is a separately created nonprofit (501(c)(3)) organization. The Corporation is governed by an eleven-member Board of Trustees appointed as follows: four members appointed by the Hilliard City Council, one member appointed by the Hilliard Area Chamber of Commerce, one member appointed by the Hilliard Recreation and Parks Director, one member appointed by the Hilliard City School District, and four members appointed by the Mayor of the City of Hilliard. The Trustees adopt their own budget, hire and fire their own staff, authorize expenditures, and do not rely on the City to finance deficits. The City cannot influence the Corporation's operations, nor does the Corporation represent a potential financial benefit or burden to the City.

City of Hilliard
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For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Norwich Township - The City and Norwich Township entered into a Joint Construction and Management Agreement which provides for the renovation, construction, management and use of a combined fire and police facility. Renovation was completed in December of 2008 and the City moved to the new facility in early 2009. The facility houses Township administration offices, City of Hilliard Mayor’s Court, City of Hilliard Police Department, City of Hilliard Communications and Norwich Township Fire Department. In addition to the joint agreement, the City provides police services to the unincorporated areas of the Township through a separate agreement and dispatching services for the fire department under a separate agreement. The Township provides fire protection and emergency medical services to the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the Township.

Central Ohio Interoperable Radio System - The Central Ohio Interoperable Radio System (COIRS) is a jointly governed organization between the City of Dublin, City of Worthington and Delaware County (the “members”). The intent of the COIRS is for the members to share in providing the financial resources and infrastructure needed to operate a digital 800MHZ public safety radio system used for dispatching emergency response and law enforcement services across the member jurisdictions. The COIRS is contracted by a Governing Board consisting of the County Administrator and the city managers for each city, or their representative. Each member’s ability to influence the operations of COIRS is limited to its representation on the Governing Board. Appropriations are adopted by the Governing Board who exercised control over the operation and maintenance of COIRS. Each member initially contributed radio system infrastructure assets, and annually, are assessed a required contribution based on its utilization of the system and related operating costs. The City of Dublin serves as the fiscal agent. Financial information may be obtained from the City of Dublin, 5200 Emerald Parkway, Dublin, Ohio 43017.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

Basis of Presentation

The City’s basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities, and fund financial statements, which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

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. The activity of the internal service fund is eliminated to avoid “doubling up” revenues and expenses. Interfund services provided and used are not eliminated in the process of consolidation. The statements usually distinguish between those activities of the City that are governmental in nature and those that are considered business-type activities; however, the City has no activities which are reported as business-type.

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City of Hilliard
Franklin County, Ohio
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

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

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

Fund Accounting

The City uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. There are three categories of funds utilized by the City: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary.

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

The following are the City's major governmental funds:

General Fund – This fund accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund's balance is available to the City for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio and the Charter of the City.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Fund – This fund is used to account for payments in lieu of taxes received from various business owners to be used for City-owned infrastructure improvements that will benefit the business owners' property.

Recreation and Parks Fund – This fund accounts for a portion of the City's income tax collections to be used for capital and operation expenses related to the City's parks and recreation, including expenses related to the design, construction, maintenance, and operations of a new community center. It also accounts for transfers in from other funds and debt proceeds.

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Capital Improvement Municipal Tax Fund – This fund is used to account for 25 percent of the City’s income tax collections and impact fees which are used for various capital improvements.

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

Proprietary Fund – Proprietary fund reporting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. The City’s proprietary fund is an internal service fund:

Internal Service Fund – The internal service fund accounts for the financing of services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the City on a cost reimbursement basis. The City’s internal service fund accounts for the payment of all City employees’ medical, dental, and vision claims.

Custodial Funds - Custodial funds of the City are used to report fiduciary activities that are not required to be reported in a trust fund. The City currently does not have trust funds. The City’s custodial funds account for various fees charged by the City and remitted to other government agencies and for deposits held pending compliance with established requirements. The City has the following fiduciary funds: Public Art Fund, Fundraising Fund, and Mayor’s Court Fund.

Measurement Focus

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

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

Like the government-wide statements, the proprietary fund type is accounted for using a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and liabilities associated with the operation of this fund are included on the Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position presents increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in total net position. The Statement of Cash Flows provides information about how the City finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activity.

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Basis of Accounting

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

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

Non-exchange transactions, in which the City receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, municipal income taxes, and payments in lieu of taxes, grants, entitlements, shared revenues, and donations. On the accrual basis, revenue from property taxes and payments in lieu of taxes are recognized in the year for which the taxes are levied (See Note 7). Revenue from municipal income taxes is recognized in the year in which the income is earned (See Note 8). Revenue from grants, entitlements, shared revenues, and donations is recognized in the year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the City must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the City on a reimbursement basis.

On the modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at year-end: municipal income taxes, charges for services, interest on investments, intergovernmental revenues (including motor vehicle license tax, gasoline tax, permissive tax, and local government assistance), and grants.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources - In addition to assets, the statements of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the City, deferred outflows of resources are reported on the government-wide statement of net position for deferred charges on refunding, pension, and other postemployment benefits (OPEB). A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension and OPEB are explained in Notes 14 and 15.

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In addition to liabilities, the statements of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources until that time. For the City, deferred inflows of resources include property taxes, payments in lieu of taxes, unavailable revenue, pension, and OPEB. Property taxes and payments in lieu of taxes represent amounts for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of December 31, 2023, but which were levied to finance year 2024 operations. These amounts have been recorded as deferred inflows of resources on both the government-wide Statement of Net Position and governmental fund financial statements. Unavailable revenue is reported only on the governmental funds balance sheet and represents receivables which will not be collected within the available period. For the City, unavailable revenue may include delinquent property taxes, income taxes, grants and entitlements, and other revenues. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amounts become available. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB are reported on the government-wide Statement of Net Position (See Notes 14 and 15).

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

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

Unearned Revenue

Unearned revenue recorded represents resources that have been received, but not yet earned as of fiscal year-end.

Budgetary Process

All funds, other than custodial funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriations resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount Council may appropriate. The appropriations ordinance is Council's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by Council. The legal level of control has been established by Council at the object level within each department.

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

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The appropriations ordinance is subject to amendment throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first appropriations resolution 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 Council during the year, including all supplemental appropriations.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

To improve cash management, cash received by the City, except cash held by a fiscal or escrow agent and cash held in a segregated account, is pooled. Individual fund integrity is maintained through City records. Interest in the pool is presented as “Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments” on the financial statements. Cash and cash equivalents that are held separately for Mayor’s Court and not held in the City treasury are recorded on the financial statements as “Cash and Cash Equivalents in Segregated Accounts.” Cash and cash equivalents held in trust for interest payments related to the Series 2023 Income Tax Special Obligation Bonds are recorded as “Cash and Cash Equivalents with Escrow Agents”.

Investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the City and investments of the City’s cash management pool are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months that were not purchased from the pool are reported as 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.

STAR Ohio (the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio) is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer’s Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Statement No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*. The City measures their investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides an NAV per share that approximates fair value.

For 2023, there were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. However, 24 hours advance notice for deposits and withdrawals of \$100 million or more is appreciated. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transaction to \$250 million per day.

Following Ohio statutes, the City has specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest receipts credited to the General Fund during fiscal year was \$2,705,504 which included \$1,859,221 assigned from other City funds.

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Capital Assets

The City's only capital assets are general capital assets and contributions of capital assets from developers. General capital assets usually result from expenditures in governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities' column of the government-wide Statement of Net Position but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

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

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

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

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Buildings	20-40 years
Improvements Other Than Buildings	15-30 years
Machinery and Equipment	5-20 years
Furniture and Fixtures	7-20 years
Vehicles	5-20 years
Infrastructure	10-60 years

The City's infrastructure consists of curbs, streets, bridges, traffic signals, sidewalks, water lines, sewer lines, storm sewers, and streetlights.

Compensated Absences

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

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting method. The liability includes the employees who are currently eligible to receive termination benefits and those the City has identified as probable of receiving payment in the future. The amount is based on accumulated sick leave and employees' wage rates at year-end, taking into consideration any limits specified in the City's termination policy.

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The entire compensated absences liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements. On governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are recognized as liabilities and expenditures to the extent payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee resignations and retirements. These amounts are recorded in the accounts “matured compensated absences payable” in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated leave are paid in both the government-wide and governmental fund financial statements. The noncurrent portion of the liability is not reported in the governmental fund financial statements. For proprietary funds, the entire amount of compensated absences is reported as a fund liability.

Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements; and all payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations payable from proprietary funds are reported on the proprietary fund financial statements.

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

Bond Premium and Deferred Charges on Refunding

Bond premiums are deferred and amortized over the term of the bonds using the straight-line method since the results are not significantly different from the effective interest method. Bond premiums are presented as an addition to the face amount of the bonds payable.

The deferred charges on refunding bonds (difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt) is amortized over the remaining life of the old debt or the life of the new debt, whichever is shorter. It is reported as deferred outflows of resources.

Debt issuance costs are expensed when incurred.

Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond the current fiscal year, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of purchase and expenditure is reported in the year in which services are consumed. The city did not report prepaid items at December 31, 2023.

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Interfund Activity

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

Pensions/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

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

Fund Balance

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, the City classifies its fund balance based on the purpose for which the resources were received and the level of constraint placed on the resources. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable The nonspendable fund balance category includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The “not in spendable form” criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash. It also includes the long-term amount of loans receivable, as well as property acquired for resale, unless the use of the proceeds from the collection of those receivables or from the sale of those properties is restricted, committed, or assigned.

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

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

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

Assigned Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the City for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. These amounts are assigned by City Council. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by policies of City Council or a City official delegated by that authority by resolution or by State Statute. State statute authorizes the City Finance Director to assign fund balance for purchases on order provided such amounts have been lawfully appropriated.

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

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

Minimum Fund Balance Policy - On December 16, 2013, the City adopted an ordinance establishing a reserve fund to maintain a target fund balance of 25% of the City's annual budgeted expenditures in the General Fund for that budget year. This amount is intended to minimize volatility in providing City programs, projects, and levels of service to its citizens. Use of funds must be authorized by passage of an ordinance by City Council and be replenished no later than December 31 of the following year.

Estimates

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

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Contributed Capital

Contributions of capital arise from outside contributions of capital assets, or from grants or outside contributions of resources restricted to capital acquisition and construction. Capital contributions are reported as program revenue in the statement of activities.

Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the internal service fund. For the City, these revenues are charges for services for employees' health claims. Operating expenses are the necessary costs incurred to provide the service that is the primary activity of the fund. Revenues and expenses that do not meet these definitions are reported as nonoperating.

Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items or transactions of events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the City administration and are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. No such transactions occurred during the calendar year.

Net Position

Net position represents the difference of assets and deferred outflow of resources, less liabilities and deferred inflow of resources. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through the enabling legislation adopted by the City or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

The City applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted resources are available.

Implementation of New Accounting Principles

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the City has implemented GASB Statement No. 93, paragraphs 13 and 14, *Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates*, GASB Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Available Payment Arrangements*, GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, and certain provisions of GASB Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022*.

GASB Statement No. 93, paragraphs 13 and 14, provide an exception to the lease modifications guidance in GASB Statement No. 87, as amended, for certain lease contracts that are amended solely to replace an IBOR as the rate upon which variable payments depend. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 93 paragraphs 13 and 14, did not have an effect on the financial statements of the City.

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GASB Statement No. 94 improves financial reporting by establishing the definitions of public-private and public-public partnership arrangements and availability payment arrangements as well as provides uniform guidance on accounting and financial reporting for transactions that meet the definitions. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 94 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the City.

GASB Statement No. 96 improves financial reporting by establishing a definition for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) and providing uniform guidance for accounting and financial reporting for transactions that meet that definition. The statement also enhances the relevance and reliability of the financial statements by requiring a government to report a subscription asset and subscription liability for a SBITA and discloses essential information about the arrangement. The note disclosures also allow the users to understand the scale and important aspects of the SBITA activities and evaluate the obligations and assets resulting from the SBITAs. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 96 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the City.

GASB Statement No. 99 enhances comparability in accounting and financial reporting and improves the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing (1) practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements and (2) accounting and financial reporting for financial guarantees. The implementation of certain provisions of GASB Statement No. 99 that relate to extension of LIBOR, accounting for SNAP distributions, disclosures of nonmonetary transactions, and pledges of future revenues by pledging governments, did not have an effect on the financial statements of the City.

NOTE 3 – BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

While reporting financial position and results of operations on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budgetary basis, as provided by law, is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual, are presented for the general and major special revenue funds to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget.

1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis).
2. Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis).
3. Encumbrances are treated as expenditures (budget basis) rather than as a restriction, commitment, or assignment of fund balance (GAAP basis).
4. Certain funds that are legally budgeted in separate special revenue funds are considered part of the General fund on a GAAP basis.

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The adjustments necessary to convert the results of operations for the year on the GAAP basis to the budget are as follows:

	General Fund	TIF	Recreation & Parks
GAAP Basis	\$ 9,198,687	\$ 800,379	\$(18,711,524)
Net Adjustment for Revenue Accruals	(2,444,844)	-	(369,626)
Net Adjustment for Expenditure Accruals	(169,423)	-	1,348,597
Funds Budgeted Elsewhere	(442,286)	-	-
Adjustment for Encumbrances	(2,774,288)	-	(58,660,660)
Budget Basis	\$ 3,367,846	\$ 800,379	\$(76,393,213)

NOTE 4 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The City may also invest any monies not required to be used for a period of six months or more in (1) Bonds of the State of Ohio; (2) Bonds of any municipal corporation, village, county, township, or other political subdivision of this state, as to which there is no default of principal, interest or coupons; and, (3) Obligations of the City.

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. 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.

Deposits - At year-end, \$6,198,194 of the City's bank balance of \$6,698,375 was uninsured but collateralized. Although the securities were held by the pledging financial institutions' trust department in the City's name and all statutory requirements for the investment of money had been followed, noncompliance with Federal requirements could potentially subject the City to a successful claim by the FDIC.

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Custodial Credit Risk Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the City will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party.

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

- Eligible securities pledged to the School District 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 required 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.

Investments

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

S&P Global Ratings	Investment Type	Measurement Amount	Investment Maturities			% of Total
			1 Year or Less	1 to 3 Years	Greater Than 3 Years	
	Net Asset Value:					
AAAm	STAR Ohio	\$ 20,157,813	\$ 20,157,813	\$ -	\$ -	14%
AAAm	First American Government Obligation	3,276,355	3,276,355	-	-	2%
	Fair Value:					
AA+	FFCB	16,907,002	9,181,182	1,083,498	6,642,322	11%
AA+	FHLB	25,908,055	12,148,760	10,779,835	2,979,460	17%
AA+	FHLMC	466,804	-	466,804	-	0%
AA+	FNMA	3,003,323	240,820	2,762,503	-	2%
AA+	FAMC	1,732,768	998,600	734,168	-	1%
AA+	Tennessee Valley Authority Power	1,845,462	-	1,049,030	796,432	1%
AA+	Private Expert Funding Corp	370,808	370,808	-	-	0%
Not Rated	Commercial Paper	15,087,940	15,087,940	-	-	10%
N/A	US Treasury Notes	55,708,545	28,134,255	18,879,309	8,694,981	39%
Not Rated	Negotiable CD's	4,598,375	1,222,832	1,749,931	1,625,612	3%
	Total	\$ 149,063,250	\$ 90,819,365	\$ 37,505,078	\$ 20,738,807	100%

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.

The above table identifies the City's recurring fair value measurements as of December 31, 2023. The City's fair value investments are valued using methodologies that incorporate market inputs such as benchmark yields, reported trades, broker/dealer quotes, issuer spreads, two-sided markets, benchmark securities, bids, offers, and reference data including market research publications. Market indicators and industry and economic events are also monitored which could require the need to acquire further market data (Level 2 inputs).

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Interest Rate Risk – The City’s investment policy requires that an investment mature within two years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the City, and that an investment must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. The City’s policy states that all investments should be sufficiently liquid to meet all operating requirements that can be reasonably anticipated.

Credit Risk – Under normal circumstances, the government money market fund invests at least 80 percent of its assets in U.S. Government securities, repurchase agreements collateralized by these securities, and shares of money market investment companies that invest exclusively in these securities. The City’s investment policy limits investments to those authorized by State statute.

STAR Ohio is an investment pool operated by the Ohio State Treasurer. It is unclassified since it is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. Ohio law requires STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. The weighted average of maturity of the portfolio held by STAR Ohio is 46 days at December 31, 2023.

NOTE 5 – INTERFUND TRANSFERS

A schedule of interfund transfers during the year is as follows:

	Transfer Out	Transfer In
General Fund	\$ 2,281,351	\$ -
Capital Improvement Municipal Tax Fund	-	2,810,895
TIF Fund	529,544	-
Total	\$ 2,810,895	\$ 2,810,895

Transfers are used to move revenues from one fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget required to expend them. During 2023, the City transferred funds from the TIF Fund and General Fund to the Capital Improvement Municipal Tax Fund to finance various capital projects. All transfers were in compliance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.14, 5705.15 and 5705.16.

NOTE 6 – RECEIVABLES

Receivables at December 31, 2023, consisted of property and other local taxes, payments in lieu of taxes, municipal income taxes, accounts, and intergovernmental receivables arising from grants, entitlements and shared revenues. Receivables have been separately identified on the face of the basic financial statements. All receivables are considered fully collectible.

NOTE 7 – PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in the City. Property tax revenue received this year for real and public utility property taxes represents collections of prior year taxes.

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Current year real property taxes are levied after October 1 of the current year on the assessed value as of January 1 of the current year, the lien date. Assessed values are established by State law at 35 percent of appraised market value. Current year real property taxes are collected in and intended to finance the same year.

Public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value; public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value. Current year public utility property taxes became a lien December 31 of the prior year, are levied after October 1 of the current year, and are collected in the same year with real property taxes.

Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, the payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits later payment dates to be established.

The County Treasurer collects property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts within the County, including the City of Hilliard. The County Auditor periodically remits to the City its portion of the taxes. Property taxes receivable represents real property taxes, public utility taxes, and outstanding delinquencies which are measurable as of December 31 of the current year, and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. In the governmental funds, the entire receivable has been included in deferred inflows of resources, since the current taxes were not levied to finance current operations and the outstanding delinquencies were unavailable. On a full accrual basis, collectible delinquent property taxes have been recorded as revenue while the remainder of the receivable is reported as deferred inflows of resources since the current taxes were levied to finance a future period.

The full tax rate for all City operations for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$1.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The tax year 2022 assessed values of real and tangible personal property upon which 2023 property tax receipts were based are as follows:

Category	Assessed Value
Real Property	\$ 1,327,665,560
Public Utility Property	50,446,540
Totals	\$ 1,378,112,100

NOTE 8 – MUNICIPAL INCOME TAXES

The City levies a municipal income tax of 2.5 percent on all salaries, wages, commissions, other compensation and on net profits earned within the City as well as on incomes of residents earned outside the City. However, the City allows a credit for income taxes paid to another municipality up to 100 percent of the City's current tax rate.

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

Income tax proceeds are distributed to the General Fund, Capital Improvement Municipal Tax Fund, Recreation and Parks Fund, and other governmental funds as required by City Administrative Code.

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NOTE 9 – TAX ABATEMENTS

The City uses income tax abatement agreements with local businesses under the Jobs Creation Tax Incentive Program, structured in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 718.15. Under the Program, the City may grant income tax incentives on local payroll withholding taxes paid to the City for the purpose of attracting or retaining businesses within its jurisdiction.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the City abated income taxes totaling \$469,777 under the Program from an annual incentive of 36 percent of actual local payroll withholding taxes were paid to the City with BMW Financial Services.

NOTE 10 – CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Transfers/ Deductions	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities				
Nondepreciable Capital Assets				
Land	\$ 13,839,688	\$ -	\$ (225,000)	\$ 13,614,688
Construction in Progress	5,100,834	24,155,721	(2,941,242)	26,315,313
Total Nondepreciable Assets	<u>18,940,522</u>	<u>24,155,721</u>	<u>(3,166,242)</u>	<u>39,930,001</u>
Depreciable Capital Assets				
Buildings	15,432,516	-	(14,067)	15,418,449
Improvements other than Buildings	20,377,290	-	(280,021)	20,097,269
Machinery and Equipment	8,143,414	878,223	(1,102,998)	7,918,639
Furniture and Fixtures	1,696,633	14,066	(40,256)	1,670,443
Vehicles	4,669,943	502,658	(866,689)	4,305,912
Infrastructure	475,129,662	17,845,739	-	492,975,401
Total Depreciable Assets	<u>525,449,458</u>	<u>19,240,686</u>	<u>(2,304,031)</u>	<u>542,386,113</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation				
Buildings	(7,267,360)	(364,763)	5,049	(7,627,074)
Improvements other than Buildings	(8,357,978)	(709,984)	113,241	(8,954,721)
Machinery and Equipment	(6,591,121)	(541,144)	1,096,448	(6,035,817)
Furniture and Fixtures	(703,509)	(76,144)	38,962	(740,691)
Vehicles	(3,099,750)	(524,969)	850,943	(2,773,776)
Infrastructure	(271,343,506)	(12,019,518)	-	(283,363,024)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(297,363,224)</u>	<u>(14,236,522)</u>	<u>2,104,643</u>	<u>(309,495,103)</u>
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>228,086,234</u>	<u>5,004,164</u>	<u>(199,388)</u>	<u>232,891,010</u>
Total Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 247,026,756</u>	<u>\$ 29,159,885</u>	<u>\$ (3,365,630)</u>	<u>\$ 272,821,011</u>

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For the year ended December 31, 2023, the value of the assets donated to the City was \$8,376,266. Depreciation expense was charged to the governmental functions as follows:

General government	\$ 296,184
Security of persons and property	696,517
Leisure time activities	830,276
Community environment	166,112
Basic utility services	6,258,280
Transportation	5,989,153
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 14,236,522</u>

NOTE 11 – LONG TERM LIABILITIES

Changes in Long-term Liabilities

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities of the governmental activities for the year ended December 31, 2023:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
<i>General Obligation Bonds:</i>					
2012 Various Purpose					
2.0-5.0% \$11,085,000	\$ 2,730,000	\$ -	\$ (1,095,000)	\$ 1,635,000	\$ 795,000
2013 Refunding					
1.0-3.5% \$8,905,000	2,320,000	-	(1,055,000)	1,265,000	1,265,000
2014 Refunding					
2.0-4.0% \$5,160,000	2,635,000	-	(490,000)	2,145,000	505,000
2015 Various Purpose and Refunding					
4.0% \$8,745,000	6,890,000	-	(255,000)	6,635,000	515,000
2016A Various Purpose and Refunding					
2.0-4.0% \$8,205,000	4,000,000	-	(985,000)	3,015,000	635,000
2016B Various Purpose					
2.0-4.0% \$3,855,000	2,985,000	-	(165,000)	2,820,000	170,000
2017 Various Purpose					
2.0-4.0% \$4,655,000	3,560,000	-	(195,000)	3,365,000	205,000
2019A Various Purpose					
3.0-5.0% \$8,570,000	7,625,000	-	(350,000)	7,275,000	365,000
2019B Various Purpose					
3.75% \$585,000	585,000	-	-	585,000	-
2020 Various Purpose Refunding					
3.0% \$7,605,000	6,635,000	-	(525,000)	6,110,000	530,000
<i>Total General Obligation Bonds</i>	<u>39,965,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,115,000)</u>	<u>34,850,000</u>	<u>4,985,000</u>
<i>Special Obligation Bonds:</i>					
2022 Income Tax Special Obligation Bonds					
5.0% \$85,000,000	82,500,000	-	(4,472,610)	78,027,390	3,322,390
Total Bonds	<u>\$ 122,465,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (9,587,610)</u>	<u>\$ 112,877,390</u>	<u>\$ 8,307,390</u>

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	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
<i>Loans from Direct Borrowings:</i>					
Signature Bank Loan 3.94% \$814,698	\$ 281,920	\$ -	\$ (138,237)	\$ 143,683	\$ 143,683
Franklin County Infrastructure Bank Loan 1.85% \$1,250,000	1,121,119	-	(197,826)	923,293	134,953
Safety Building Loan 4.5% \$6,168,684	4,410,720	-	(193,348)	4,217,372	202,147
2012 OPWC Loan \$2,730,423	1,747,471	-	(109,217)	1,638,254	109,217
2017 OPWC Loan \$5,407,500	4,866,750	-	(270,375)	4,596,375	270,375
Street Sweeper Loan 6.5% \$246,151	194,861	-	(46,442)	148,419	47,926
Ford F-150 Loan 9.24% \$252,127	-	252,127	-	252,127	51,040
Motorola Radios Loan 5.65% \$356,592	-	356,592	(67,400)	289,192	66,451
Total Loans from Direct Borrowings	<u>12,622,841</u>	<u>608,719</u>	<u>(1,022,845)</u>	<u>12,208,715</u>	<u>1,025,792</u>
<i>Other Long-Term Obligations:</i>					
Unamortized Bond Premiums	13,394,134	-	(701,387)	12,692,747	-
Net Pension Liability	20,265,998	17,710,739	-	37,976,737	-
Net OPEB Liability	2,647,657	-	(710,730)	1,936,927	-
Compensated Absences	2,643,640	1,463,576	(1,344,006)	2,763,210	1,632,946
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 174,039,270</u>	<u>\$ 19,783,034</u>	<u>\$ (13,366,578)</u>	<u>\$ 180,455,726</u>	<u>\$ 10,966,128</u>

OPWC loans - The City has entered into two debt financing arrangements through the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC). The 2012 OPWC loan is to fund the Hilliard Triangle improvement. The \$2,730,423 loan is a zero-interest, 25-year loan.

In 2017, the City was approved to receive \$5,407,500 in a zero-interest, 20-year loan from OPWC for Scioto Darby and Leppert road improvements.

The OPWC loans will be paid from the Capital Improvement Municipal Tax Capital Projects Fund.

In the event of default, as defined by each OPWC loan agreement, the amount of default will be subject to 8 percent interest on all amounts due from date of default. Additionally, the Lender may declare all amounts immediately due and payable or direct Franklin County to pay the amount of any default from the funds which would otherwise be appropriated to the City from the County's undivided local government fund. The lender will also be entitled to collect any cost incurred in the event of default.

General Obligation bonds - Generally, all voted and unvoted general obligation bonds issued will be paid through the Street Improvement Municipal Tax, Water and Sewer Revenue, TIF Special Revenue Funds, and the Capital Improvements Municipal Tax Capital Projects Fund.

In 2020 the City issued \$7,605,000 in general obligation various purpose bonds to current refund the 2011 general obligation various purpose bonds and pay for the Series 2020 various purpose road improvement notes. The refunding resulted in a decrease of debt service payments of \$740,000 and an economic gain of \$689,371.

General obligation bonds are backed by the full faith and credit of the City.

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Special Obligation bonds – The bonds are unvoted special obligations secured by pledged revenues and will be paid through the Recreation and Parks Fund.

In 2022 the City issued \$85,000,000 in income tax special obligation bonds for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, furnishing, and equipping a recreation and wellness campus for fitness, recreation, and group activities for seniors, families, youth, and others. The bonds carry an interest rate of 5.00 percent and will retire on December 1, 2058.

The City has pledged future income taxes to repay the \$85 million income tax special obligation bonds issued. The bonds are payable solely from the income taxes. Current year principal and interest payments, as a percentage of revenues, were 52 percent. Total principal and interest remaining on the bonds is \$163,987,440, payable through December 2058. For the current year, income tax revenue was \$10,642,911 and principal and interest paid were \$8,578,810.

Safety Building Loan - On June 25, 2007, the City entered into an agreement with the Board of Trustees of Norwich Township (the “Township”) for the joint construction and management of a public safety building. The building was constructed and is owned and managed by the township. Initially, the Township paid the entire cost of the building construction. The City entered into a 30-year agreement with the township under which the City will pay its allocated portion of the construction cost which totaled \$6,417,386. The agreement began upon completion of the building and the first payment was made on June 1, 2009. Payments of principal and interest are recorded as disbursements of the Capital Improvements Municipal Tax Capital Projects Fund.

Per the agreement, the building is considered the collateral for the debt payments. In the event of default, the Township may exercise the following rights and remedies:

1. The Township can immediately re-enter and take possession of the building.
2. All rights of the City and all duties of the Township shall immediately cease and terminate.
3. The Township may possess and enjoy the building as though the agreement had never been made, without prejudice, however, to any and all rights of action against the City the Township may have to the debt payments, damages, or breach of covenant.
4. The Township can re-let the building as it determines for and on behalf of the City for the highest rental reasonably obtainable in judgment of the Township (this is not considered as a surrender or acceptance back of the building or termination of the agreement).
5. The Township can recover from the City any deficiency between the amount of the debt payments and all other charges payable under the agreement plus any expenses in connection with reletting, redecorating, repairs, alterations, brokerage commissions, and attorney fees.
6. If the Township makes any repairs or carries insurance, the City may be required to immediately pay the Township for the expenses plus any accrued interest at the rate of 4.5 percent.

First Security Finance, Inc. Loan - On April 24, 2019, the City entered into a loan agreement with First Security Finance, Inc. for \$814,698 for the purpose of retrofitting a LED lighting system at the Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park. The loan was entered for a six-year period with final maturity at May 1, 2024. Payments of principal and interest are recorded as disbursements of the Park Maintenance Fund.

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The City has pledged the equipment as collateral for the debt. In the event of default, First Security Finance, Inc. may exercise the following rights and remedies:

1. The City may be required to pay the entire unpaid balance.
2. First Security Finance, Inc. may enter the premises of the City and take possession of the equipment.
3. The City may be required to pay all costs (including reasonable attorney's fees and court costs) incurred in disposing of the equipment.

Franklin County Infrastructure Bank Loan: On June 30, 2021, the City entered into a loan agreement with the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, Ohio for \$1,250,000 for the purpose of financing the construction of an approximately 25 mile, 100 GB fiber network. The loan was entered for a ten-year period with final maturity at June 1, 2030. Payments of principal and interest are recorded as disbursements of the Capital Improvement Municipal Tax Capital Projects Fund.

The City has pledged future revenues to repay the Franklin County Bank Loan with interest from the Capital Improvement Municipal Tax fund. The debt is payable solely from revenues and is payable through 2030. Annual principal and interest payments, as a percentage of net customer revenues, on the loans are expected to be similar over the term of the loans as in the current year, which was 1.85 percent.

Street Sweeper Loan: On March 16, 2022, the City entered into a loan with Republic First National for the purchase of a street sweeper. The loan has an interest rate of 6.5 percent and will be repaid in full in 2026. The loan is paid from the City's Capital Improvement Municipal Tax Capital Projects Fund.

Per the agreement with Republic First National, the City pledged the street sweeper purchased as collateral for the debt. In the event of default, Republic First National shall have all rights and remedies under law. Also, in the event of default, Republic First National may exercise the following rights and remedies:

1. Republic First National may require the City to pay all the payments outstanding in the year of default.
2. Republic First National may enter the premises of the City to take repossession of the street sweeper.

Ford F-250 Loan: On November 1, 2023, the City entered into a loan with Ally Bank for the purchase of four Ford trucks. The loan has an interest rate of 9.24 percent and will be repaid in full in 2028. The loan is paid from the City's Capital Improvement Municipal Tax Capital Projects Fund.

Per the agreement with Ally Bank, the City pledged the trucks purchased as collateral for the debt. In the event of default, Ally Bank shall have all rights and remedies under law. Also, in the event of default, Ally Bank may exercise the following rights and remedies:

1. Ally Bank may require the City to pay all the payments outstanding in the year of default.
2. At the expense of the City, Ally Bank may enter the premises of the City to either take repossession of the trucks or require the City to return the trucks.
3. At the expense of the City, Ally Bank may sell or lease the trucks.

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Motorola Radios Loan: On March 1, 2023, the City entered into a loan with Motorola Solutions for the purchase of portable radios. The loan has an interest rate of 5.65 percent and will be repaid in full in 2027. The loan is paid from the City’s Capital Improvement Municipal Tax Capital Projects Fund.

Per the agreement with Motorola Solutions, the City pledged the equipment purchased as collateral for the debt. In the event of default, Motorola Solutions shall have all rights and remedies under law. Also, in the event of default, Motorola Solutions may exercise the following rights and remedies:

1. Motorola Solutions may require the City to pay all the payments outstanding in the year of default.
2. At the expense of the City, Motorola Solutions may enter the premises of the City to either take repossession of the equipment or require the City to return the equipment.
3. At the expense of the City, Motorola Solutions may sell the equipment.

Compensated absences, Net pension/OPEB liability - Compensated Absences that impact net position are generally paid from the General, Street Maintenance and Repair, Water and Sewer Revenue, and Storm Water Utility Special Revenue Funds. There is no repayment schedules for the net pension liability and net OPEB liability; however, pension and OPEB contributions are primarily made from the General, Street Maintenance and Repair, Water and Sewer Revenue, and Storm Water Utility Special Revenue Funds. For additional information related to the net pension liability and net OPEB liability see Notes 14 and 15.

Future Debt Service Requirements

Principal and interest requirements to retire long-term obligations outstanding at December 31, 2023 are as follows:

	General Obligation Bonds		Special Obligation Bonds		Loans from Direct Borrowings	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2024	\$ 4,985,000	\$ 1,289,044	\$ 3,322,390	\$ 3,875,700	\$ 1,025,792	\$ 246,412
2025	4,030,000	1,100,738	895,000	3,716,450	891,741	225,674
2026	3,330,000	932,738	940,000	3,671,700	913,586	203,826
2027	3,460,000	801,238	970,000	3,643,700	883,918	180,830
2028	2,685,000	664,487	1,015,000	3,595,000	750,696	155,553
2029-2033	9,055,000	2,137,286	5,890,000	17,161,000	3,576,781	572,400
2034-2038	6,230,000	717,325	7,520,000	15,533,500	3,625,451	220,906
2039-2043	1,075,000	40,239	9,605,000	13,455,000	540,750	-
2044-2048	-	-	12,260,000	10,801,000	-	-
2049-2053	-	-	15,640,000	7,414,500	-	-
2054-2058	-	-	19,970,000	3,092,500	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 34,850,000</u>	<u>\$ 7,683,095</u>	<u>\$ 78,027,390</u>	<u>\$ 85,960,050</u>	<u>\$12,208,715</u>	<u>\$ 1,805,601</u>

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NOTE 12 – OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Compensated Absences

Accumulated Unpaid Vacation - City employees earn vacation leave at varying rates based upon length of service. Vacation can accumulate to a maximum of 400 hours. When an employee terminates employment, he/she is paid for 100 percent of their unused vacation leave. City employees can also earn compensatory time. Compensatory time is paid at one and one-half times an employee's regular rate. Employees with time remaining upon termination of their employment will be paid for any unused compensatory time.

Accumulated Unpaid Sick Leave - City employees earn sick leave at the rate of four and six tenths hours per eighty hours of service. Sick leave is cumulative without limit. In the case of death or retirement, an employee (or his/her estate) is paid 50 percent of accumulated sick leave up to a maximum payment of 500 hours.

Deferred Compensation

City employees may participate in Mass Mutual, ING or Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plans. These plans were created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. Participation is on a voluntary payroll deduction basis. The plans permit deferral of compensation until future years. According to the plans, the deferred compensation is not available until termination, retirement, death, or an unforeseeable emergency. The City does not contribute to the plan.

NOTE 13 – RISK MANAGEMENT

Property and Liability Insurance

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. During 2023, the City contracted with several different insurance providers for property, liability, and automobile insurance.

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There was no significant reduction in the level of coverage from the prior year.

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Health Insurance

The City maintains a self-funded health insurance program with claims processed by Central Benefits on behalf of the City. The Insurance Trust Fund (an internal service fund) was created in 1989 to account for and finance the health insurance program.

All funds of the City from which employee salaries are paid participate in the health insurance programs and make payments to the Insurance Trust Fund based on the amounts needed to make claim payments. The claims liability reported in the Insurance Trust Fund at December 31, 2023, is based on the requirements of GASB Statement No. 10, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Insurance Issues*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 30, *Risk Management Omnibus*, which requires that a liability for claims be reported if information prior to issuance of the financial statements indicates that it is probable that a liability has been incurred at the date of the financial statements and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Estimates were calculated by using actual claims reports for several months following the balance sheet date. This estimate was not affected by incremental claim adjustment expenses and does not include other allocated or unallocated claim adjustment expenses.

Changes in the Insurance Trust Fund’s claims liability amount for 2022 and 2023 were:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance at Beginning of Year</u>	<u>Current Year Claims</u>	<u>Claims Payments</u>	<u>Balance at End of Year</u>
2022	\$ 81,183	\$ 2,830,229	\$ (2,861,502)	\$ 49,910
2023	49,910	3,414,925	(3,380,935)	83,900

NOTE 14 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

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

Net Pension Liability/Net OPEB Liability (Asset)

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

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

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

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

The remainder of this note includes the pension disclosures. See Note 15 for the OPEB disclosures.

Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Plan Description – City employees, other than full-time police, participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple employer public employee retirement system which administers three separate pension plans. The traditional pension plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan and the combined plan is a combination cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit/defined contribution pension plan. Effective January 1, 2022, new members may no longer select the Combined Plan, and current members may no longer make a plan change to this plan. Participating employers are divided into state, local, law enforcement and public safety divisions. While members in the state and local divisions may participate in all three plans, law enforcement and public safety divisions exist only within the traditional plan. Substantially all employee members are in OPERS' traditional plan; therefore, the following disclosure focuses on the traditional pension plan.

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

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Senate Bill (SB) 343 was enacted into law with an effective date of January 7, 2013. In the legislation, members in the traditional and combined plans were categorized into three groups with varying provisions of the law applicable to each group. The following table provides age and service requirements for retirement and the retirement formula applied to final average salary (FAS) for the three member groups under the traditional and combined plans as per the reduced benefits adopted by SB 343 (see OPERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report referenced above for additional information, including requirements for reduced and unreduced benefits):

Group A	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
Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 35

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

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

When a benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, the member is eligible for an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA). This COLA is calculated on the base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. For those who retired prior to January 7, 2013, the cost-of-living adjustment is 3 percent. For those retiring on or after January 7, 2013, beginning in calendar year 2019, the adjustment is based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3 percent.

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

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

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The City’s contractually required contribution was \$1,314,388 for 2023. Of this amount, \$136,125 is reported as a due to other governments.

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

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

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

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

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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 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report referenced above for additional information, including requirements for Deferred Retirement Option Plan provisions and reduced and unreduced benefits).

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

The COLA amount for members who have 15 or more years of service credit as of July 1, 2013, and members who are receiving a pension benefit that became effective before July 1, 2013, will be equal to 3.0 percent of the member's base pension benefit.

The COLA amount for members who have less than 15 years of service credit as of July 1, 2013, and members whose pension benefit became effective on or after July 1, 2013, will be equal to a percentage of the member's base pension benefit where the percentage is the lesser of 3.0 percent or the percentage increase in the consumer price index, if any, over the twelve-month period that ends on the thirtieth day of September of the immediately preceding year, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one percent.

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

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

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

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Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The City's contractually required contribution to OP&F was \$1,349,404 for 2023. Of this amount, \$89,363 is reported as due to other governments.

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

The net pension liability for OPERS was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. OP&F's total pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2022, and was determined by rolling forward the total pension liability as of January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022. The City's proportion of the net pension liability 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
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability:			
Current Measurement Period	0.057334%	0.2214989%	
Prior Measurement Period	0.059480%	0.2415556%	
Change in Proportion	-0.002146%	-0.0200567%	
Proportionate Share of the Net			
Pension Liability	\$ 16,936,489	\$ 21,040,248	\$ 37,976,737
Pension Expense	\$ 2,849,661	\$ 2,826,094	\$ 5,675,755

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Other than contributions made subsequent to the measurement date and differences between projected and actual earnings on investments; deferred inflows/outflows of resources are recognized in pension expense beginning in the current period, using a straight line method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions, determined as of the beginning of the measurement period. Net deferred inflows/outflows of resources pertaining to the differences between projected and actual investment earnings are similarly recognized over a closed five year period. At December 31, 2023, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	OPERS	OP&F	Total
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Net Difference between Projected and Actual			
Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	\$ 4,827,430	\$ 3,063,203	\$ 7,890,633
Differences between Expected and			
Actual Experience	562,559	315,598	878,157
Changes of Assumptions	178,923	1,897,755	2,076,678
Changes in Proportionate Share and			
Differences in Contributions	308,402	555,040	863,442
City Contributions Subsequent			
to the Measurement Date	1,314,388	1,349,404	2,663,792
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 7,191,702</u>	<u>\$ 7,181,000</u>	<u>\$ 14,372,702</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Differences between Expected and			
Actual Experience	\$ -	\$ 479,358	\$ 479,358
Changes of Assumptions	-	410,279	410,279
Changes in Proportionate Share and			
Differences in Contributions	226,597	1,181,134	1,407,731
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$ 226,597</u>	<u>\$ 2,070,771</u>	<u>\$ 2,297,368</u>

\$2,663,792 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from City contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending December 31, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending December 31:	OPERS	OP&F	Total
2024	\$ 810,394	\$ 429,755	\$ 1,240,149
2025	1,054,562	988,537	2,043,099
2026	1,420,950	1,044,940	2,465,890
2027	2,364,811	1,534,352	3,899,163
2028	-	(236,759)	(236,759)
Total	<u>\$ 5,650,717</u>	<u>\$ 3,760,825</u>	<u>\$ 9,411,542</u>

Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS

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

	<u>OPERS Traditional Plan</u>
Wage Inflation	2.75 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	2.75 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA:	
Pre-January 7, 2013 Retirees	3.00 percent, simple
Post-January 7, 2013 Retirees	3.00 percent, simple through 2023, then 2.05 percent, simple
Investment Rate of Return	6.90 percent
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age

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

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

During 2022, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio, and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Defined Benefit portfolio contains the investment assets 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 12.10 percent for 2022.

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 long-term expected rate of return on defined benefit investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected real rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation. Best estimates of geometric rates of return were provided by the Board's investment consultant. For each major class that is included in the Defined Benefit portfolio's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2022, these best estimates are summarized below:

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Asset Class	Target Allocation	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Geometric)
Fixed Income	22.00%	2.62%
Domestic Equities	22.00	4.60
Real Estate	13.00	3.27
Private Equity	15.00	7.53
International Equities	21.00	5.51
Risk Parity	2.00	4.37
Other investments	5.00	3.27
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability for the current year was 6.9 percent. The discount rate for the prior year 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 contractually required rates, as actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future 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 6.9 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 (5.9 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (7.9 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 25,370,295	\$ 16,936,489	\$ 9,921,075

Actuarial Assumptions – OP&F

OP&F’s total pension liability as of December 31, 2022, is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of January 1, 2022, and rolled-forward using generally accepted actuarial procedures. The total pension liability is determined by OP&F’s actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 67, as part of their annual valuation. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment mortality, salary increases, disabilities, retirements and employment terminations. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Assumptions considered are: 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.

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Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results, prepared as of January 1, 2022, are presented below.

Valuation Date	January 1, 2022, with actuarial liabilities rolled forward to December 31, 2022
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Investment Rate of Return	7.50 percent
Projected Salary Increases	3.75 percent to 10.50 percent
Payroll Growth	3.25 percent per annum, compounded annually, consisting of Inflation rate of 2.75 percent plus productivity increase rate of 0.50 percent
Cost of Living Adjustments	2.20 percent simple per year

For 2022, the mortality for service retirees is based on the Pub-2010 Below-Median Safety Amount-Weighted Healthy Retiree mortality table with rates adjusted to 96.20 percent for males and 98.70 percent for females. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

For 2022, mortality for disabled retirees is based on the Pub-2010 Safety Amount-Weighted Disabled Retiree mortality table with rates adjusted by 135 percent for males and 97.9 percent for females. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

For 2022, mortality for contingent annuitants is based on the Pub- 2010 Below-Median Safety Amount-Weighted Contingent Annuitant Retiree mortality table with rates adjusted by 108.9 percent for males and 131 percent for females. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

For 2022, Mortality for active members is based on the Pub-2010 Below-Median Safety Amount-Weighted Employee mortality table. All rates are projected using the MP- 2021 Improvement Scale.

For 2021, 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.

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

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For 2021, 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.

Age	Police
59 or less	35 %
60-69	60
70-79	75
80 and up	100

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

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The assumption is intended to be a long-term assumption (30 to 50 years) and is not expected to change absent a significant change in the asset allocation, a change in the underlying inflation assumption, or a fundamental change in the market that alters expected returns in future years.

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

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	18.60 %	4.80 %
Non-US Equity	12.40	5.50
Private Markets	10.00	7.90
Core Fixed Income *	25.00	2.50
High Yield Fixed Income	7.00	4.40
Private Credit	5.00	5.90
U.S. Inflation Linked Bonds*	15.00	2.00
Midstream Energy Infrastructure	5.00	5.90
Real Assets	8.00	5.90
Gold	5.00	3.60
Private Real Estate	12.00	5.30
Commodities	2.00	3.60
Total	125.00 %	

Note: Assumptions are geometric.

* levered 2.5x

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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 1.25 times due to the application of leverage in certain fixed income asset classes.

Discount Rate The total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 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 of 7.50 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.

Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact, the following table presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 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 (6.50 percent), or one percentage point higher (8.50 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 27,756,147	\$ 21,040,248	\$ 15,457,321

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NOTE 15 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS

Net OPEB Liability

See Note 14 for a description of the net OPEB liability.

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. Substantially all employee members are in OPERS’ traditional plan; therefore, the following disclosure focuses on the traditional pension plan.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OPERS reimburses retirees who are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A (hospitalization) for their Part A premiums as well as any applicable surcharges (late-enrollment fees). Retirees within this group must enroll in Medicare Part A and select medical coverage, and may select prescription coverage, through the OPERS Connector. OPERS also will reimburse 50 percent of the Medicare Part A premium and any applicable surcharges for eligible spouses. Proof of enrollment in Medicare Part A and confirmation that the retiree is not receiving reimbursement or payment from another source must be submitted. The premium reimbursement is added to the monthly pension benefit.

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

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

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

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Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the earnable salary of active members. In 2023, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.0 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.

Each year, the OPERS Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. For 2023, OPERS did not allocate any employer contribution to health care for members. 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.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The City's contractually required contribution was \$0 for 2023.

Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund (OP&F)

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

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

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

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

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.

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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.

The Board of Trustees is authorized to allocate a portion of the total employer contributions for retiree health care benefits. For 2023, the portion of employer contributions allocated to health care was 0.5 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.

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.

The City’s contractually required contribution to OP&F was \$35,511 for 2023. Of this amount, \$2,352 is reported as due to other governments.

Net OPEB Liability (Asset), OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

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

	OPERS	OP&F	Total
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability:			
Current Measurement Period	0.057083%	0.2214989%	
Prior Measurement Period	0.057970%	0.2415556%	
Change in Proportion	-0.000887%	-0.0200567%	
Proportionate Share of the Net			
OPEB Liability	\$ 359,919	\$ 1,577,008	\$ 1,936,927
OPEB Expense	\$ (707,013)	\$ 280,570	\$ (426,443)

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

	OPERS	OP&F	Total
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Net Difference between Projected and Actual			
Earnings on OPEB Plan Investments	\$ 714,812	\$ 135,258	\$ 850,070
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	-	94,106	94,106
Changes of Assumptions	351,541	785,897	1,137,438
Changes in Proportionate Share and Differences in Contributions	51,448	398,184	449,632
City Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	-	35,511	35,511
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 1,117,801</u>	<u>\$ 1,448,956</u>	<u>\$ 2,566,757</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 89,777	\$ 310,954	\$ 400,731
Changes of Assumptions	28,927	1,289,866	1,318,793
Changes in Proportionate Share and Differences in Contributions	568	170,797	171,365
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$ 119,272</u>	<u>\$ 1,771,617</u>	<u>\$ 1,890,889</u>

\$35,511 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from City contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction/addition of the net OPEB liability in 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ending December 31:	OPERS	OP&F	Total
2024	\$ 169,112	\$ 124,334	\$ 293,446
2025	261,200	131,621	392,821
2026	222,902	(68,722)	154,180
2027	345,315	(44,979)	300,336
2028	-	(141,306)	(141,306)
Thereafter	-	(359,120)	(359,120)
Total	<u>\$ 998,529</u>	<u>\$ (358,172)</u>	<u>\$ 640,357</u>

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Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS

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

Projections of health care costs for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of coverage provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of costs between OPERS and plan members. The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2022. The actuarial valuation used the following key actuarial assumptions and methods applied to all prior periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 74:

	<u>December 31, 2022</u>	<u>December 31, 2021</u>
Wage Inflation	2.75 percent	2.75 percent
Projected Salary Increases,	2.75 to 10.75 percent	2.75 to 10.75 percent
	including wage inflation	including wage inflation
Single Discount Rate	5.22 percent	6.00 percent
Investment Rate of Return	6.00 percent	6.00 percent
Municipal Bond Rate	4.05 percent	1.84 percent
Health Care Cost Trend Rate	5.50 percent, initial	5.50 percent, initial
	3.50 percent, ultimate in 2036	3.50 percent, ultimate in 2034
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age	Individual Entry Age

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

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

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

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The allocation of investment assets within 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 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 rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation. Best estimates of geometric rates of return were provided by the Board's investment consultant. For each major asset class that is included in the Health Care's portfolio's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2022, these best estimates are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Geometric)</u>
Fixed Income	34.00%	2.56%
Domestic Equities	26.00	4.60
Real Estate Investment Trust	7.00	4.70
International Equities	25.00	5.51
Risk Parity	2.00	4.37
Other Investments	6.00	1.84
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

Discount Rate A single discount rate of 5.22 percent was used to measure the OPEB liability on the measurement date of December 31, 2022; however, the single discount rate used at the beginning of the year was 6 percent. 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 4.05 percent (Fidelity Index's "20-Year Municipal GO AA Index"). 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 2054. As a result, the actuarial assumed long-term expected rate of return on health care investments was applied to projected costs through the year 2054, and the municipal bond rate was applied to all health care costs after that date.

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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 5.22 percent, as well as what the City’s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (4.22 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (6.22 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$ 1,225,001	\$ 359,919	\$ (353,915)

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 or asset. The following table presents the net liability or asset calculated using the assumed trend rates, and the expected net OPEB liability or asset 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 2023 is 5.50 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 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 3.50 percent in the most recent valuation.

	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 337,361	\$ 359,919	\$ 385,310

Actuarial Assumptions – OP&F

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

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

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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, 2022, with Actuarial Liabilities Rolled Forward to December 31, 2022
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Investment Rate of Return	7.50 Percent
Projected Salary Increases	3.75 Percent to 10.50 Percent
Payroll Growth	3.25 Percent
Blended Discount Rate:	
Current Measurement Date	4.27 Percent
Prior Measurement Date	2.84 Percent
Cost of Living Adjustments	2.20 Percent Simple per Year
Projected Depletion Year of OPEB Assets	2036

For 2022, mortality for service retirees is based on the Pub-2010 Below-Median Safety Amount-Weighted Healthy Retiree mortality table with rates adjusted by 96.2 percent for males and 98.7 percent for females. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

For 2022, mortality for disabled retirees is based on the Pub-2010 Safety Amount-Weighted Disabled Retiree mortality table with rates adjusted by 135 percent for males and 97.9 percent for females. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

For 2022, mortality for contingent annuitants is based on the Pub- 2010 Below-Median Safety Amount-Weighted Contingent Annuitant Retiree mortality table with rates adjusted by 108.9 percent for males and 131 percent for females. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

For 2022, mortality for active members is based on the Pub-2010 Below-Median Safety Amount-Weighted Employee mortality table. All rates are projected using the MP- 2021 Improvement Scale.

For 2021, 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>
67 or less	77 %
68-77	105
78 and up	115

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For 2021, 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.

Age	Police
59 or less	35 %
60-69	60
70-79	75
80 and up	100

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

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a building-block approach and assumes a time horizon, as defined in 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, 2022, are summarized below:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	18.60 %	4.80 %
Non-US Equity	12.40	5.50
Private Markets	10.00	7.90
Core Fixed Income *	25.00	2.50
High Yield Fixed Income	7.00	4.40
Private Credit	5.00	5.90
U.S. Inflation Linked Bonds*	15.00	2.00
Midstream Energy Infrastructure	5.00	5.90
Real Assets	8.00	5.90
Gold	5.00	3.60
Private Real Estate	12.00	5.30
Commodities	2.00	3.60
Total	125.00 %	

Note: Assumptions are geometric.

* levered 2.5x

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OP&F's Board of Trustees has incorporated the risk parity concept into OP&F's asset liability valuation with the goal of reducing equity risk exposure, which reduces overall Total Portfolio risk without sacrificing return, and creating a more risk-balanced portfolio based on the relationship between asset classes and economic environments. From the notional portfolio perspective above, the Total Portfolio may be levered up to 1.2 times due to the application of leverage in certain fixed income asset classes.

Discount Rate For 2022, the total OPEB liability was calculated using the discount rate of 4.27 percent. For 2021, the total OPEB liability was calculated using the discount rate of 2.84 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 of 7.5 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, for 2022, the long-term assumed rate of return on investments of 7.50 percent was applied to periods before December 31, 2035, and the Municipal Bond Index Rate of 3.65 percent was applied to periods on and after December 31, 2035, resulting in a discount rate of 4.27 percent. For 2021, a municipal bond rate of 2.05 percent at December 31, 2021, was blended with the long-term rate of 7.5 which resulted in a blended discount rate of 2.84. The municipal bond rate was determined using the Bond Buyers General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index Rate.

Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

Net OPEB liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 4.27 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 (3.27 percent), or one percentage point higher (5.27 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 1,941,937	\$ 1,577,008	\$ 1,268,914

NOTE 16 – CONTRACTUAL AND OTHER COMMITMENTS

Contractual Commitments

As of December 31, 2023, the City had contractual purchase commitments as follows:

Vendor	Contract Amount	Amount Expensed	Balance 12/31/2023
DLZ Ohio, Inc.	\$ 709,500	\$ 333,254	\$ 376,246
Miller Bros Construction Inc.	8,259,946	2,548,197	5,711,749
Nickolas Savko and Sons	1,082,694	305,813	776,881
Prime AE Group of America, Inc.	507,040	465,956	41,084
Ruscilli Construction Co.	66,031,179	16,016,841	50,014,338
Strawser Paving Co.	2,364,149	837,786	1,526,363
	\$ 78,954,508	\$ 20,507,847	\$ 58,446,661

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Other Commitments

As of December 31, 2023, the City had outstanding cash basis encumbrances in the governmental funds as follows:

Fund	Amount
General	\$ 3,970,866
Recreation and Parks	58,660,663
Capital Improvement Municipal Tax	9,895,495
Nonmajor Governmental	5,397,421
	\$ 77,924,445

NOTE 17 – CONTINGENCIES

Grants - For the year ended December 31, 2023, the City received federal and state grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by grantor agencies or their designees. Such audits could lead to a request for reimbursement to the grantor agency for expenditures disallowed under the terms of the grant. Based on prior experience, the City believes such disallowance, if any, would be immaterial.

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

Settlement Monies - Ohio has reached settlement agreements with various distributors of opioids, which are subject to the OneOhio memorandum of understanding. The original settlement was reached in 2021 with annual payments anticipated through 2038. For 2023, distributions of \$19,389 are reflected as fines and forfeitures in the OneOhio Special Revenue Fund

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NOTE 18 – FUND BALANCE

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

	General	TIF	Recreation and Parks	Capital Improvement Municipal Tax	Other Governmental Funds	Total
Restricted for:						
Infrastructure Improvements	\$ -	\$ 2,456,687	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,462,979	\$ 5,919,666
Public Safety Programs	-	-	-	-	353,897	353,897
Parks and Recreation	-	-	82,872,567	-	-	82,872,567
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	19,267,956	-	19,267,956
Other	-	-	-	-	128,607	128,607
Public Health	-	-	-	-	1,350	1,350
Justice	-	-	-	-	43,945	43,945
Total Restricted	-	2,456,687	82,872,567	19,267,956	3,990,778	108,587,988
Committed for:						
Utility Operations	-	-	-	-	2,701,234	2,701,234
Park Maintenance	-	-	-	-	508,607	508,607
Infrastructure Improvements	-	-	-	-	6,940,703	6,940,703
Total Committed	-	-	-	-	10,150,544	10,150,544
Assigned for:						
General Government	1,637,996	-	-	-	-	1,637,996
Public Safety	600,674	-	-	-	-	600,674
Public Health	23,814	-	-	-	-	23,814
Leisure Time Services	430	-	-	-	-	430
Community Environment	1,372,012	-	-	-	-	1,372,012
Basic Utility Services	223,010	-	-	-	-	223,010
Transportation	94,824	-	-	-	-	94,824
Total Assigned	3,952,760	-	-	-	-	3,952,760
Unassigned	29,317,930	-	-	-	-	29,317,930
Total Fund Balance	\$ 33,270,690	\$ 2,456,687	\$ 82,872,567	\$ 19,267,956	\$ 14,141,322	\$ 152,009,222

NOTE 19 – ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS

Sewerage System

Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 6111.44 requires the City to submit any changes to their sewerage system to the Ohio EPA for approval, including the retirement or abandonment of certain sewer-related assets. Through this permitting process, the City would be responsible to address any public safety issues associated with retiring or abandoning these sewer-related assets. In accordance with ORC Section 6111.44, and applicable accounting standards, the City believes an asset retirement obligation (ARO) to be present, however, while the City is aware of the public safety concerns that would need to be addressed, the cost to address these concerns is not reasonably estimable at this time and therefore an ARO is not recognized in the City's financial statements.

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Underground Storage Tanks

The Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations (BUSTR) regulates petroleum and hazardous substances stored in underground storage tanks. These regulations are included in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Section 1301-7-9 and require a City classified as an “owner” or “operator,” to remove from the ground any underground storage tank (UST) that is not in use for a year or more. A permit must first be obtained for that year it is not being used. Once the UST is removed, the soil in the UST cavity and excavated material must be tested for contamination.

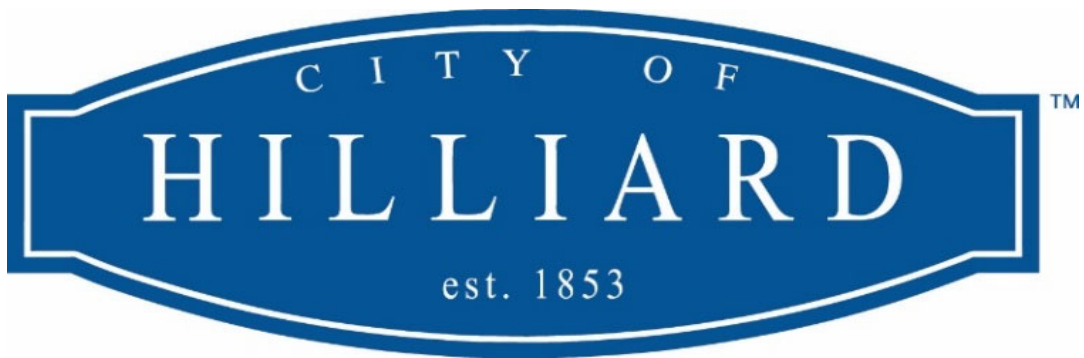
In accordance with OAC Section 1301-7-9, and applicable accounting standards, the City believes an asset retirement obligation (ARO) to be present, however, while the City is familiar with the requirements, the cost to satisfy these requirements is not reasonably estimable at this time and therefore an ARO is not recognized in the City’s financial statements.

NOTE 20 – SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On January 24, 2024, the City issued \$13,000,000 in General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes for the purpose of purchasing land. The bond anticipation notes carry an interest rate of 5.5 percent and will mature on January 23, 2025.



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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

No assurance is provided on these financial statements.

City of Hilliard
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Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Last Ten Years

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<i>Ohio Public Employees' Retirement System (OPERS)</i>				
City's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.057334%	0.0594800%	0.0507910%	0.0555980%
City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 16,936,489	\$ 5,175,001	\$ 7,521,041	\$ 10,989,322
City's Covered Payroll	\$ 8,889,929	\$ 8,634,564	\$ 7,151,500	\$ 8,150,121
City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	190.51%	59.93%	105.17%	134.84%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	75.74%	92.62%	86.88%	82.17%
<i>Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OPF)</i>				
City's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.221489%	0.241556%	0.236276%	0.227735%
City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 21,040,248	\$ 15,090,997	\$ 16,107,174	\$ 15,341,466
City's Covered Payroll	\$ 6,692,631	\$ 6,110,651	\$ 6,361,251	\$ 6,034,857
City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	314.38%	246.96%	253.21%	254.21%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	62.90%	75.03%	70.65%	69.89%

Note: The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date, which is the prior fiscal year.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

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	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
	0.0543990%	0.0504760%	0.047571%	0.047377%	0.043891%	0.043891%
\$	14,898,783	\$ 7,918,774	\$ 10,802,655	\$ 8,206,216	\$ 5,293,745	\$ 5,174,177
\$	7,427,050	\$ 6,663,515	\$ 6,203,208	\$ 5,895,875	\$ 5,381,025	\$ 5,221,423
	200.60%	118.84%	174.15%	139.19%	98.38%	99.10%
	74.70%	84.66%	77.25%	81.08%	86.45%	86.36%
	0.229938%	0.212170%	0.206897%	0.215574%	0.206632%	0.266320%
\$	18,769,017	\$ 13,021,807	\$ 13,104,630	\$ 13,868,027	\$ 10,704,384	\$ 10,063,612
\$	5,790,363	\$ 5,180,279	\$ 4,974,232	\$ 4,856,900	\$ 4,551,263	\$ 4,248,693
	324.14%	251.37%	263.45%	285.53%	235.20%	236.86%
	63.07%	70.91%	68.36%	66.77%	72.20%	73.00%

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City of Hilliard
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Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the City's Contributions - Pension
Last Ten Years

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<i>Ohio Public Employees' Retirement System (OPERS)</i>				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 1,314,388	\$ 1,244,590	\$ 1,208,839	\$ 1,001,210
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>1,314,388</u>	<u>1,244,590</u>	<u>1,208,839</u>	<u>1,001,210</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
City's Covered Payroll	\$ 9,388,486	\$ 8,889,929	\$ 8,634,564	\$ 7,151,500
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%
<i>Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OPF)</i>				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 1,349,404	\$ 1,271,600	\$ 1,161,024	\$ 1,208,638
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>1,349,404</u>	<u>1,271,600</u>	<u>1,161,024</u>	<u>1,208,638</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
City's Covered Payroll	\$ 7,102,128	\$ 6,692,631	\$ 6,110,651	\$ 6,361,251
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	19.00%	19.00%	19.00%	19.00%

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

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	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
\$	1,141,017	\$ 1,039,787	\$ 866,257	\$ 744,385	\$ 707,505	\$ 645,723
	<u>1,141,017</u>	<u>1,039,787</u>	<u>866,257</u>	<u>744,385</u>	<u>707,505</u>	<u>645,723</u>
\$	<u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
\$	8,150,121	\$ 7,427,050	\$ 6,663,515	\$ 6,203,208	\$ 5,895,875	\$ 5,381,025
	14.00%	14.00%	13.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%
\$	1,146,623	\$ 1,100,169	\$ 984,253	\$ 945,104	\$ 922,811	\$ 864,740
	<u>1,146,623</u>	<u>1,100,169</u>	<u>984,253</u>	<u>945,104</u>	<u>922,811</u>	<u>864,740</u>
\$	<u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
\$	6,034,857	\$ 5,790,363	\$ 5,180,279	\$ 4,974,232	\$ 4,856,900	\$ 4,551,263
	19.00%	19.00%	19.00%	19.00%	19.00%	19.00%

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City of Hilliard
Franklin County, Ohio
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability(Asset)
Last Seven Years (1)

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>
Ohio Public Employees' Retirement System (OPERS)							
City's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	0.057083%		0.057970%		0.049083%		0.053898%
City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$ 359,919	\$	(1,815,709)	\$	(874,453)	\$	7,444,714
City's Covered Payroll	\$ 8,889,929	\$	8,634,564	\$	7,151,500	\$	8,150,121
City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	4.05%		-21.03%		-12.23%		91.34%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	94.79%		128.23%		115.57%		47.80%
Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OPF)							
City's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	0.221489%		0.241556%		0.236276%		0.227735%
City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 1,577,008	\$	2,647,657	\$	2,503,387	\$	2,249,508
City's Covered Payroll	\$ 6,692,631	\$	6,110,651	\$	6,361,251	\$	6,034,857
City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	23.56%		43.33%		39.35%		37.28%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	52.59%		46.86%		45.42%		47.08%

(1) Although this schedule is intended to reflect information for ten years, information prior to 2017 is not available.

Note: The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date, which is the prior fiscal year.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

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	<u>2019</u>		<u>2018</u>		<u>2017</u>
	0.052140%		0.048480%		0.046464%
\$	6,797,825	\$	5,264,532	\$	4,692,977
\$	7,427,050	\$	6,663,515	\$	6,203,208
	91.53%		79.01%		75.65%
	46.33%		54.14%		54.05%
	0.229938%		0.212170%		0.206897%
\$	2,093,938	\$	12,021,233	\$	9,820,922
\$	5,790,363	\$	5,180,279	\$	4,974,232
	36.16%		232.06%		197.44%
	46.57%		14.13%		18.96%

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City of Hilliard
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Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the City's Contributions - OPEB
Last Ten Years

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<i>Ohio Public Employees' Retirement System (OPERS)</i>				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
City's Covered Payroll (1)	\$ 9,388,486	\$ 8,889,929	\$ 8,634,564	\$ 7,151,500
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<i>Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OPF)</i>				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 35,511	\$ 33,463	\$ 30,553	\$ 31,806
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>35,511</u>	<u>33,463</u>	<u>30,553</u>	<u>31,806</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
City's Covered Payroll	\$ 7,102,128	\$ 6,692,631	\$ 6,110,651	\$ 6,361,251
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%

(1) The OPEB plan includes the members from the traditional plan, the combined plan and the member directed plan.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

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<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 68,314	\$ 124,064	\$ 117,918	\$ 107,621
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,314</u>	<u>124,064</u>	<u>117,918</u>	<u>107,621</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 8,150,121	\$ 7,427,050	\$ 6,663,515	\$ 6,203,208	\$ 5,895,875	\$ 5,381,025
0.00%	0.00%	1.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
\$ 30,174	\$ 28,952	\$ 25,813	\$ 24,871	\$ 24,285	\$ 22,756
<u>30,174</u>	<u>28,952</u>	<u>25,813</u>	<u>24,871</u>	<u>24,285</u>	<u>22,756</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 6,034,857	\$ 5,790,363	\$ 5,180,279	\$ 4,974,232	\$ 4,856,900	\$ 4,551,263
0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%

No assurance is provided on these financial statements.

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Notes to the Required Supplementary Information
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NOTE 1 - NET PENSION LIABILITY

Changes in Assumptions – OPERS

Amounts reported incorporate changes in discount rate used in calculating the total pension liability as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Discount Rate	6.90%	7.20%	7.20%	7.50%	8.00%

Calendar year 2017 reflects an adjustment of the rates of withdrawal, disability, retirement and mortality to more closely reflect actual experience. The expectation of retired life mortality was based on RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant mortality table and RP-2014 Disabled mortality table. Wage inflation rate was also reduced from 3.25 percent to 2.75 percent.

Changes in Benefit Terms – OPERS

In October 2020, the OPERS Board adopted a change in COLA for post-January 7, 2013 retirees, changing it from 1.40 percent simple through 2020 then 2.15 simple to 0.5 percent simple through 2021 then 2.15 percent simple.

In October 2019, the OPERS Board adopted a change in COLA for post-January 7, 2013 retirees, changing it from 3.00 percent simple through 2018 then 2.15 simple to 1.4 percent simple through 2020 then 2.15 percent simple.

Changes in Assumptions – OP&F

For 2021, the single discount rate changed from 8.00 percent to 7.50 percent.

For 2018, the single discount rate changed from 8.25 percent to 8.00 percent.

Changes in Benefit Terms – OP&F

No significant changes in benefit terms.

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NOTE 2 - NET OPEB LIABILITY (ASSET)

Changes in Assumptions - OPERS

Amounts reported incorporate changes in key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total OPEB liability as presented as follows:

<u>Assumption</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Discount Rate	5.22%	6.00%	6.00%	3.16%	3.96%	3.85%
Municipal Bond Rate	4.05%	1.84%	2.00%	2.75%	3.71%	3.31%
Health Care Cost Trend Rate	5.50%	5.50%	8.50%	10.50%	10.00%	7.50%

For calendar year 2019, the investment rate of return decreased from 6.50 percent to 6.00 percent.

Changes in Benefit Terms – OPERS

For calendar year 2022, the cost of living adjustments decreased from 2.20 percent simple to 2.05 percent simple.

For calendar year 2021, the cost of living adjustments decreased from 3.00 percent simple to 2.20 percent simple.

Changes in Assumptions – OP&F

Amounts reported incorporate changes in key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total OPEB liability as presented as follows:

<u>Assumption</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Discount Rate	4.27%	2.84%	2.96%	3.56%	4.66%	3.24%
Municipal Bond Rate	3.65%	2.05%	2.12%	2.75%	4.13%	3.16%

Changes in Benefit Terms – OP&F

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.