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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the City of Athens, Athens County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., for the audit period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

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

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Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

August 14, 2018

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

June 28, 2018

City of Athens  
Athens County  
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To the City Council:

### ***Report on the Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the **City of Athens**, Athens County, Ohio (the City), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

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

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

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

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### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Athens, Athens County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General, Street and Recreation Funds thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Other Matters**

#### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require this presentation to include *Management's discussion and analysis*, the condition assessments of the City's infrastructure report using the modified approach, and the schedules of net pension liabilities and pension contributions listed in the table of contents, to supplement the basic financial statements. Although this information is not part of the basic financial statements, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board considers it essential for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, consisting of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, to the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not opine or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to opine or provide any other assurance.

#### *Supplementary and Other Information*

Our audit was conducted to opine on the City's basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and is not a required part of the financial statements.

The schedule is management's responsibility, and derives from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. We subjected this schedule to the auditing procedures we applied to the basic financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling the schedule directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, this schedule is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.



***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 28, 2018, on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



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The discussion and analysis of the City of Athens's (the City) financial performance provides an overall review of the City's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2017. The purpose of this discussion and analysis is to look at the City's financial performance and discuss pertinent points to better help the reader understand our performance.

**Financial Highlights**

1. The City's total net position increased \$1,843,646; net position of the governmental activities increased \$1,830,829; and net position of the business-type activities increased \$12,817.
2. The General Fund fund balance of \$2,012,220 increased \$30,551 or 1.54 percent from the previous year's balance of \$1,981,669.

**Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the City of Athens's basic financial statements. The City of Athens's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the basic financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

**Government-Wide Financial Statements** - The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the City's finances, in a manner similar to private-sector businesses.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the City of Athens's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the City is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the recent fiscal year.

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the City of Athens that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the City include general government, security of persons and property, transportation, community environment, and leisure time activities. The business-type activities include water, sewer, garbage, and parking garage operations.

The government-wide financial statements can be found starting on page 14 of this report.

**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. Some funds are required to be established by State law and by bond covenants. However, the Auditor establishes many other funds to help control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that the City is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain taxes, grants and other money. All of the funds of the City can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

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**Governmental Funds** - Most of the City's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. The governmental fund statements use the modified accrual basis of accounting and provide a detailed short-term view of the City's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information may be useful in evaluating a government's near term financing requirements. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the *statement of net position* and the *statement of activities*) and governmental funds in a reconciliation which follows the fund financial statements.

The City of Athens maintains 35 individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental funds balance sheet and in the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances, for the General Fund, Street Fund and Recreation Fund, which are considered to be major funds. Data from the other 32 governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation.

**Proprietary Funds** - The City uses proprietary funds to account for its water, sewer, garbage and parking garage operations and internal service operations. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way that all activities are reported in the *statement of net position* and the *statement of activities* using the full accrual basis of accounting. The enterprise funds are used to report the same activities presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements.

**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 statements because the resources from those funds are not available to support the City's programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for the proprietary funds.

**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**

While this document contains information about the funds used by the City to provide services to our citizens, the view of the City as a whole looks at all financial transactions.

The *statement of net position* and the *statement of activities* include all assets and liabilities using the full accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by the private sector. The basis for this accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

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Table 1 provides a summary of the City's net position for 2017 compared to 2016:

Table 1  
**Net Position**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-Type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b><u>Assets:</u></b>						
Current and Other Assets	\$19,719,810	\$21,192,900	\$6,913,813	\$7,904,690	\$26,633,623	\$29,097,590
Capital Assets, Net	91,077,712	85,497,504	38,901,351	38,193,105	129,979,063	123,690,609
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>110,797,522</u>	<u>106,690,404</u>	<u>45,815,164</u>	<u>46,097,795</u>	<u>156,612,686</u>	<u>152,788,199</u>
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<u>5,245,821</u>	<u>5,002,026</u>	<u>1,433,521</u>	<u>981,199</u>	<u>6,679,342</u>	<u>5,983,225</u>
<b><u>Liabilities:</u></b>						
Current and Other Liabilities	2,979,692	2,124,834	1,324,036	1,671,222	4,303,728	3,796,056
<i>Long-Term Liabilities:</i>						
Due Within One Year	1,165,882	1,085,544	1,341,315	1,287,444	2,507,197	2,372,988
<i>Due in More Than One Year:</i>						
Net Pension Liability	18,919,711	16,886,936	3,475,127	2,503,050	22,394,838	19,389,986
Other Amounts	8,502,164	8,822,535	19,143,183	19,637,456	27,645,347	28,459,991
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>31,567,449</u>	<u>28,919,849</u>	<u>25,283,661</u>	<u>25,099,172</u>	<u>56,851,110</u>	<u>54,019,021</u>
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>1,224,349</u>	<u>1,351,865</u>	<u>20,680</u>	<u>48,295</u>	<u>1,245,029</u>	<u>1,400,160</u>
<b><u>Net Position:</u></b>						
Net Investments in Capital Assets	87,888,082	83,602,580	18,206,365	16,479,148	106,094,447	100,081,728
Restricted	8,041,789	8,195,473	0	0	8,041,789	8,195,473
Unrestricted	(12,678,326)	(10,377,337)	3,737,979	5,452,379	(8,940,347)	(4,924,958)
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u>\$83,251,545</u>	<u>\$81,420,716</u>	<u>\$21,944,344</u>	<u>\$21,931,527</u>	<u>\$105,195,889</u>	<u>\$103,352,243</u>

GASB Statement No. 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27," which significantly revised accounting for pension costs and liabilities. For reasons discussed below, many end users of these financial statements will gain a clearer understanding of the City's actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and the net pension liability to the reported net position and subtracting deferred outflows related to pension.

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

Under the new standards required by GASB 68, the net pension liability equals the City's proportionate share of each plan's collective:

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

GASB notes that pension obligations, whether funded or unfunded, are part of the "employment exchange" – that is, the employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this pension promise is a present obligation of the government, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee, and should accordingly be reported by the government as a liability since they received the benefit of the exchange. However, the City is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance of this liability. In Ohio, the employee shares the obligation of funding pension benefits with the employer. Both employer and employee contribution rates are capped by State statute. A change in these caps requires action of both Houses of the General Assembly and approval of the Governor. Benefit provisions are also determined by State statute. The employee enters the employment exchange with the knowledge that the employer's promise is limited not by contract but by law. The employer enters the exchange also knowing that there is a specific, legal limit to its contribution to the pension system. In Ohio, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension system as against the public employer. State law operates to mitigate/lessen the moral obligation of the public employer to the employee, because all parties enter the employment exchange with notice as to the law. The pension system is responsible for the administration of the plan.

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

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

As a result of implementing GASB 68, the City is reporting a net pension liability and deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to pension on the accrual basis of accounting.

Current assets decreased primarily from a decrease in the equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents, which is due mainly to a decrease in the Recreation Fund due to the swimming pool project.

Capital assets increased due to increase in the construction in progress and increase in infrastructure.

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Long-term liabilities increased as a result of an increase in the calculation of the net pension liability.

As noted earlier, the City's net position, when reviewed over time, may serve as a useful indicator of the City's financial position. By far, the largest portion of the City's net position 100.85 percent reflects its investments in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery and equipment, infrastructure), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The City uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the City's investments in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. An additional portion of the City's net position represents resources that are subject to restrictions on how they can be used. These resources accounted for 7.64 percent of total net position. The remaining deficit balance of \$8,940,347 which is unrestricted net position may be used to meet the City's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. The City's total net position increased from \$103,352,243 in 2016 to \$105,195,889 in 2017, a change of \$1,843,646 or 1.78 percent.

In order to further understand what makes up the changes in net position for the current year, Table 2 gives readers further details regarding the results of activities for 2017 compared to 2016:

Table 2  
**Changes in Net Position**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-Type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>						
<i>Program Revenues:</i>						
Charges for Services	\$3,938,075	\$3,947,099	\$9,284,731	\$9,146,357	\$13,222,806	\$13,093,456
Operating Grants and Contributions	690,622	1,317,664	127,135	0	817,757	1,317,664
Capital Grants and Contributions	1,852,685	2,930,230	0	0	1,852,685	2,930,230
<b><i>Total Program Revenues</i></b>	<b><u>6,481,382</u></b>	<b><u>8,194,993</u></b>	<b><u>9,411,866</u></b>	<b><u>9,146,357</u></b>	<b><u>15,893,248</u></b>	<b><u>17,341,350</u></b>
<b><u>General Revenues:</u></b>						
Property Taxes	1,096,037	863,361	0	0	1,096,037	863,361
Municipal Income Taxes	13,849,481	12,769,706	0	0	13,849,481	12,769,706
Lodging Taxes	420,773	419,765	0	0	420,773	419,765
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	497,259	498,202	0	0	497,259	498,202
Grants and Entitlements	501,114	471,666	0	0	501,114	471,666
Investment Earnings	140,230	104,094	75,602	64,028	215,832	168,122
Gain on Sale of Capital Assets	47,682	406,188	0	0	47,682	406,188
Miscellaneous	788,521	659,320	217,664	192,961	1,006,185	852,281
<b><i>Total General Revenues</i></b>	<b><u>17,341,097</u></b>	<b><u>16,192,302</u></b>	<b><u>293,266</u></b>	<b><u>256,989</u></b>	<b><u>17,634,363</u></b>	<b><u>16,449,291</u></b>
<b><i>Total Revenue</i></b>	<b><u>23,822,479</u></b>	<b><u>24,387,295</u></b>	<b><u>9,705,132</u></b>	<b><u>9,403,346</u></b>	<b><u>33,527,611</u></b>	<b><u>33,790,641</u></b>

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Table 2 - (Continued)

**Changes in Net Position**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-Type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b><i>Expenses:</i></b>						
General Government	7,319,119	5,646,631	0	0	7,319,119	5,646,631
<i>Security of Persons and Property:</i>						
Police	4,515,376	4,240,663	0	0	4,515,376	4,240,663
Fire	3,525,691	3,353,425	0	0	3,525,691	3,353,425
Transportation	2,507,166	1,934,826	0	0	2,507,166	1,934,826
Community and Econ. Dev.	777,677	1,042,167	0	0	777,677	1,042,167
Leisure Time Activities	3,124,108	1,904,145	0	0	3,124,108	1,904,145
Interest and Fiscal Charges	222,513	44,356	0	0	222,513	44,356
Garbage	0	0	1,356,761	1,541,172	1,356,761	1,541,172
Parking Garage	0	0	218,479	199,284	218,479	199,284
Water	0	0	3,631,240	3,260,454	3,631,240	3,260,454
Sewer	0	0	4,485,835	3,437,714	4,485,835	3,437,714
Issuance Costs	0	138,768	0	0	0	138,768
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>21,991,650</b>	<b>18,304,981</b>	<b>9,692,315</b>	<b>8,438,624</b>	<b>31,683,965</b>	<b>26,743,605</b>
Change in Net Position	1,830,829	6,082,314	12,817	964,722	1,843,646	7,047,036
Net Position at Beginning of Year	81,420,716	75,338,402	21,931,527	20,966,805	103,352,243	96,305,207
<b>Net Position at End of Year</b>	<b>\$83,251,545</b>	<b>\$81,420,716</b>	<b>\$21,944,344</b>	<b>\$21,931,527</b>	<b>\$105,195,889</b>	<b>\$103,352,243</b>

### **Governmental Activities**

The most significant program expenses for the City are General Government, Police, Fire and Leisure Time Activities. These programs account for 84.05 percent of the total governmental activities. General Government, which accounts for 32.28 percent of the total, represents costs associated with the general administration of city government including the City Council, Mayor, City Auditor, and Municipal Court. Police, which accounts for 20.53 percent of the total, represents costs associated with the operation of the Police Department. Fire, which accounts for 16.03 percent of the total, represents costs associated with providing firefighting and emergency medical services. Leisure Time Activities, which accounts for 14.21 percent of the total, represents costs associated with parks, recreations and community center activities.

Funding for the most significant programs indicated above is from charges for services and income taxes. The income tax revenue for 2017 was \$13,849,481. Of the \$23,822,479 in total revenues, income tax accounts for 58.14 percent of that total. Charges for services of \$3,938,075 accounts for 16.53 percent of total revenues. Operating and capital grants and contributions account for 10.67 percent of the total, and lodging taxes, payments in lieu of taxes, grants and entitlements, property taxes, interest, unrestricted contributions, gain on sale of capital assets, and other revenue make up the remaining 14.66 percent.

The City monitors its sources of revenues very closely for fluctuations.

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**Business-Type Activities**

The City's business-type activities include the City's water, sewer, garbage, and parking garage operations. Net position increased by \$12,817 or 0.06 percent for 2017, which is due to increases in the water and parking garage funds of \$42,036 and \$167,505, respectively, and increases in other enterprise funds that helped offset the significant decrease in net position in the sewer fund.

Table 3, for governmental activities, indicates the total cost of services and the net cost of services. The *statement of activities* reflects the cost of program services and the charges for services and sales, grants, and contributions offsetting those services. The net cost of services identifies the cost of those services supported by income and property tax revenues and unrestricted intergovernmental revenues.

Table 3  
**Net Cost of Governmental Activities**

	Total Cost of Services		Net Costs of Services	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
General Government	\$7,319,119	\$5,646,631	\$4,168,817	\$2,427,571
<i>Security of Persons and Property:</i>				
Police	4,515,376	4,240,663	4,394,702	4,128,340
Fire	3,525,691	3,353,425	3,462,177	3,288,493
Transportation	2,507,166	1,934,826	187,676	(1,106,746)
Community and Econ. Development	777,677	1,042,167	751,754	593,237
Leisure Time Activities	3,124,108	1,904,145	2,322,629	595,969
Interest and Fiscal Charges	222,513	44,356	222,513	44,356
Issuance Costs	0	138,768	0	138,768
Total Expenses	\$21,991,650	\$18,304,981	\$15,510,268	\$10,109,988

It should be noted that 31.34 percent of the costs of services for governmental activities are derived from program revenues including charges for services, operating grants, capital grants, and other contributions.

As shown by the total net costs of \$15,510,268 the remainder of the City's programs are funded by general revenues. A significant portion of the total general revenues consists of income taxes, property taxes, and grants and entitlements.

**Financial Analysis of the City's Funds**

**Governmental Funds**

The focus of the City's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the year. These funds are accounted for by using the modified accrual basis of accounting.



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The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the City. At the end of 2017, the total fund balance for the General Fund was \$2,012,220. During the current year, the fund balance of the City's General Fund increased by \$30,551 or 1.54 percent. The increase in the General Fund balance is due to the fact that revenue increases outpaced expenditures increases by a slight margin.

For the other major funds of the City, the Street Fund balance increased \$395,975 or 44.90 percent due to an increase in income tax revenue during the year. The Recreation Fund balance decreased \$1,782,984 or 21.37 percent due to expenditures exceeding revenues due to the swimming pool project.

### **Proprietary Funds**

The City's major proprietary funds are the Parking Garage, Water and Sewer funds. The City operates a parking garage with monthly and hourly spaces. Net position in the Parking Garage Fund increased \$167,505 or 7.67 percent, which is the result of an increase in revenue during 2017. The City provides water and sewer services to city residents. Net position in the Water Fund increased by \$42,036 or 0.67 percent, which is the result of an increase in revenues during 2017. Net position in the Sewer Fund decreased by \$342,646 or 2.82 percent, which is the result of an increase in operating expenses during the year.

### ***Major Fund Budgeting Highlights***

The City's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a budget basis of cash receipts (revenues), and disbursements and encumbrances (expenditures). The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund. The City does allow small interdepartmental budget changes that modify line items within departments within the same fund.

For the General Fund, the final budgeted revenues were \$13,749,805 representing a change of \$251,776 or 1.87 percent from the original budgeted estimates.

For the General Fund, the final budget basis expenditures were \$15,220,519 representing a change of \$255,496 or 1.65 percent from the original budgeted estimates. There was a 3.07 percent positive variance in actual expenditures as compared to the final budget in the General Fund. This was due to the fact that the various departments kept their spending levels below their appropriations.

For the Street Fund, the final budgeted revenues were \$2,886,183 representing a change of \$66,433 or 2.36 percent from the original budgeted revenues.

For the Street Fund, the final budget basis expenditures were \$2,803,995 representing a negative change of \$693,432 or 32.86 percent from the original budgeted estimates. There was a 2.48 percent positive variance in actual expenditures as compared to the final budget in the Street Fund. This was due to the fact that the street improvement spending was able to stay within its appropriations.

For the Recreation Fund, the final budgeted revenues were \$1,819,830 representing a negative change of \$656,950 or 26.51 percent from the original budgeted estimates.

For the Recreation Fund, the final budget basis expenditures were \$10,073,410 representing a change of \$7,104,599 or 239.31 percent from the original budgeted estimates, which is due to the available resources from the bond issuances. There was a 0.77 percent positive variance in actual expenditures as compared to the final budget in the Recreation Fund. This was due to the fact that spending levels and encumbrances were maintained below their appropriations.

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**Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

The City's investment in capital assets for governmental and business-type activities as of December 31, 2017, amounts to \$106,094,447 (net of accumulated depreciation and related debt). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, improvements, equipment and infrastructure.

Total capital assets for governmental activities of the City of Athens for the year 2017 were \$91,077,712.

The capital assets for business-type activities were \$38,901,351 as of December 31, 2017.

The City manages its street network using its Pavement Condition Rating Program and accounts for them using the modified approach. The street condition rating is a numerical condition scale ranging from 1.0 (severely deficient) to 10.0 (new). A street is considered "severely deficient" - that is, needs maintenance or preservation - when its condition falls below 2.0. A street is unsafe-substantially deficient - when it falls below condition level 5. It is the City's policy to keep the value of "severely deficient" streets below 5 percent. The most recent condition assessment shows that the condition of the City's streets is in accordance with the City's policy

Additional information concerning the City's capital assets can be found in Note 11 of the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

As of December 31, 2017, the City of Athens had \$28,464,120 in long-term bonds, and loans outstanding with \$1,448,512 due within one year.

Outstanding general obligation bonds consist of a swimming pool improvement bond issue and a street improvement bond. General obligation bonds are direct obligations of the City for which its full faith, credit and resources are pledged.

Long-term loans and bonds in the Water and Sewer funds are OWDA loans for improvements to water and sewer lines and a parking garage renovation bond issue.

In addition to the bonded debt, the City's long-term obligations include compensated absences and net pension liability. Additional information concerning the City's debt can be found in Note 13 of the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

**Current Known Facts and Conditions**

The City of Athens relies mainly on the public sector and commercial employers, rather than industry, for its income tax revenue. The City's largest employer is Ohio University, with over 4,000 total employees. Other major employers include the State of Ohio, Athens County, Athens City, and Athens City School District. The largest private employers include The Kroger Co., Quidel (formerly Diagnostic Hybrids), O'Bleness Memorial Hospital, Holzer Medical Center, and Wal-Mart.

The Ohio University Board of Trustees adopted a Comprehensive Master Plan for the Athens Campus in March of 2016, followed by a six year capital improvement budget for fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year 2022 in August, 2016. These documents propose several large renovation and construction projects. Major capital expenditures planned for fiscal year 2018 include renovations to Clippinger Hall - \$8.2 million, Ellis Hall - \$10.4 million, Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine – Phase 1 - \$4.55 million and \$33.01 million in infrastructure upgrades and repairs.

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Citywide construction activity in 2017 resulted in the issuance of 5 new commercial construction permits valued at \$13,150,000. Forty-seven (47) permits for Commercial Alterations were issued with a value of \$8,653,725. New residential construction permits resulted in 1 (five or more units) permits, valued at \$1,586,350. New residential construction for single family residences totaled 21 permits, valued at \$6,150,500. Thirty three (33) permits for Residential Alterations were issued with a value of \$3,385,046.

Income tax receipts, the City's major source of revenue, have maintained a steady growth rate of about 3 percent per year. The Auditor's office continues to work with the Law Director's office to make sure all monies due to the City are collected.

The City continues to receive cuts in local and state funding which are causes for concern. The City continues to successfully apply for grants whenever possible to assist in financing programs in the recreation department, municipal court, and police department. Grants also cover a significant amount of the cost for updating infrastructure, the support of local housing as well as public transportation programs.

**Contacting the City's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the City's finances and to show the City's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions or need additional financial information, contact the City Auditor's Office, 8 East Washington Street, Athens, Ohio 45701.

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Statement of Net Position

December 31, 2017

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>Assets:</b>			
Equity in Pooled Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$16,951,960	\$5,739,745	\$22,691,705
Cash and Cash Equivalents in Segregated Accounts	65,557	0	65,557
Accrued Interest Receivable	1,566	0	1,566
Accounts Receivable	93,798	804,297	898,095
Intergovernmental Receivable	193,178	0	193,178
Income Taxes Receivable	1,143,985	0	1,143,985
Property Taxes Receivable	898,095	0	898,095
Other Local Taxes Receivable	96,072	0	96,072
Special Assessments Receivable	2,469	27,551	30,020
Materials and Supplies Inventory	144,058	305,661	449,719
Prepaid Items	129,072	36,559	165,631
<i>Restricted Assets:</i>			
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	65,286,869	2,106,884	67,393,753
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	25,790,843	36,794,467	62,585,310
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>110,797,522</u>	<u>45,815,164</u>	<u>156,612,686</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<u>5,245,821</u>	<u>1,433,521</u>	<u>6,679,342</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Accounts Payable	329,301	410,773	740,074
Contracts Payable	1,007,109	69,020	1,076,129
Accrued Wages Payable	593,051	172,627	765,678
Intergovernmental Payable	186,670	7,878	194,548
Accrued Interest Payable	26,048	88,738	114,786
Claims Payable	414,102	0	414,102
Notes Payable	423,411	575,000	998,411
<i>Long-Term Liabilities:</i>			
Due within One Year	1,165,882	1,341,315	2,507,197
<i>Due in More Than One Year:</i>			
Net Pension Liability	18,919,711	3,475,127	22,394,838
Other Amounts Due in More Than One Year	8,502,164	19,143,183	27,645,347
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>31,567,449</u>	<u>25,283,661</u>	<u>56,851,110</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<u>1,224,349</u>	<u>20,680</u>	<u>1,245,029</u>
<b>Net Position:</b>			
Net Investments in Capital Assets	87,888,082	18,206,365	106,094,447
<i>Restricted for:</i>			
Street Maintenance	1,141,073	0	1,141,073
Debt Service	1,110,276	0	1,110,276
Capital Outlay	2,495,700	0	2,495,700
Other Purposes	3,294,740	0	3,294,740
Unrestricted(Deficit)	<u>(12,678,326)</u>	<u>3,737,979</u>	<u>(8,940,347)</u>
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u>\$83,251,545</u>	<u>\$21,944,344</u>	<u>\$105,195,889</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO**  
*Statement of Activities*  
*December 31, 2017*

	Expenses	Program Revenues		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>				
General Government	\$7,319,119	\$3,061,379	\$88,923	\$0
<i>Security of Persons and Property:</i>				
Police	4,515,376	27,915	92,759	0
Fire	3,525,691	0	63,514	0
Transportation	2,507,166	66,754	400,051	1,852,685
Community and Economic Development	777,677	0	25,923	0
Leisure Time Activities	3,124,108	782,027	19,452	0
Interest and Fiscal Charges	222,513	0	0	0
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	<u>21,991,650</u>	<u>3,938,075</u>	<u>690,622</u>	<u>1,852,685</u>
<b>Business-Type Activities:</b>				
Garbage	1,356,761	1,310,385	80,000	0
Parking Garage	218,479	319,178	0	0
Water	3,631,240	3,645,290	0	0
Sewer	4,485,835	4,009,878	47,135	0
<i>Total Business-Type Activities</i>	<u>9,692,315</u>	<u>9,284,731</u>	<u>127,135</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Totals</i>	<u>\$31,683,965</u>	<u>\$13,222,806</u>	<u>\$817,757</u>	<u>\$1,852,685</u>

**General Revenues:**

- Property Taxes
- Income Taxes:*
  - General Purposes
  - Debt Service
  - Capital Outlay
- Lodging Taxes
- Payment in Lieu of Taxes
- Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs
- Gain on Sale of Capital Assets
- Investment Earnings
- Miscellaneous

*Total General Revenues*

*Change in Net Position*

Net Position at Beginning of Year

Net Position at End of Year

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Net (Expense) Revenue and  
Changes in Net Position

Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
(\$4,168,817)	\$0	(\$4,168,817)
(4,394,702)	0	(4,394,702)
(3,462,177)	0	(3,462,177)
(187,676)	0	(187,676)
(751,754)	0	(751,754)
(2,322,629)	0	(2,322,629)
(222,513)	0	(222,513)
<u>(15,510,268)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(15,510,268)</u>
0	33,624	33,624
0	100,699	100,699
0	14,050	14,050
<u>0</u>	<u>(428,822)</u>	<u>(428,822)</u>
<u>0</u>	<u>(280,449)</u>	<u>(280,449)</u>
<u>(15,510,268)</u>	<u>(280,449)</u>	<u>(15,790,717)</u>
1,096,037	0	1,096,037
12,290,379	0	12,290,379
539,514	0	539,514
1,019,588	0	1,019,588
420,773	0	420,773
497,259	0	497,259
501,114	0	501,114
47,682	0	47,682
140,230	75,602	215,832
<u>788,521</u>	<u>217,664</u>	<u>1,006,185</u>
<u>17,341,097</u>	<u>293,266</u>	<u>17,634,363</u>
1,830,829	12,817	1,843,646
<u>81,420,716</u>	<u>21,931,527</u>	<u>103,352,243</u>
<u>\$83,251,545</u>	<u>\$21,944,344</u>	<u>\$105,195,889</u>

**CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO**

*Balance Sheet*

*Governmental Funds*

*December 31, 2017*

	General	Street	Recreation	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets:</b>					
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$2,023,390	\$1,032,083	\$7,417,714	\$6,050,434	\$16,523,621
Cash and Cash Equivalents in Segregated Account	59,640	0	0	5,917	65,557
Accrued Interest Receivable	1,566	0	0	0	1,566
Accounts Receivable	39,210	0	17,664	36,924	93,798
Intergovernmental Receivable	90,913	81,148	0	21,117	193,178
Income Taxes Receivable	709,592	184,688	83,265	166,440	1,143,985
Property Taxes Receivable	898,095	0	0	0	898,095
Other Local Taxes Receivable	48,036	0	0	48,036	96,072
Special Assessments Receivable	2,469	0	0	0	2,469
Materials and Supplies Inventory	28,647	115,411	0	0	144,058
Prepaid Items	79,203	4,366	10,976	16,300	110,845
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$3,980,761</u>	<u>\$1,417,696</u>	<u>\$7,529,619</u>	<u>\$6,345,168</u>	<u>\$19,273,244</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Accounts Payable	\$140,353	\$71,986	\$35,596	\$79,873	\$327,808
Contracts Payable	0	13,047	882,789	111,273	1,007,109
Accrued Wages Payable	468,755	50,971	47,752	10,186	577,664
Accrued Interest Payable	643	0	0	0	643
Intergovernmental Payable	34,815	3,872	1,934	145,507	186,128
Notes Payable	423,411	0	0	0	423,411
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>1,067,977</u>	<u>139,876</u>	<u>968,071</u>	<u>346,839</u>	<u>2,522,763</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<u>900,564</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>900,564</u>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>					
Nonspendable	108,406	119,777	10,976	164,688	403,847
Restricted	0	1,158,043	6,550,572	5,833,641	13,542,256
Assigned	1,903,814	0	0	0	1,903,814
<i>Total Fund Balances</i>	<u>2,012,220</u>	<u>1,277,820</u>	<u>6,561,548</u>	<u>5,998,329</u>	<u>15,849,917</u>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Fund Balances</i>	<u>\$3,980,761</u>	<u>\$1,417,696</u>	<u>\$7,529,619</u>	<u>\$6,345,168</u>	<u>\$19,273,244</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO**  
*Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to  
 Net Position of Governmental Activities  
 December 31, 2017*

<b>Total Governmental Funds Balances</b>		\$15,849,917
 <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. (less: Internal Service Fund amount)		91,027,630
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds:		
Taxes		20,710
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding debt, whereas in the governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due.		(25,405)
Some long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
General Obligation Bonds	(7,100,000)	
Premium On Bonds	(932,938)	
Special Assessment Bonds	(311,196)	
Compensated Absences Payable (less: Internal Service Fund amount)	<u>(1,287,839)</u>	
Total		(9,631,973)
The net pension liability is not due and payable in the current period; therefore, the liability and related deferred inflows/outflows are not reported in the governmental funds:		
Deferred Outflows - Pension	5,245,821	
Deferred Inflows - Pension	(344,495)	
Net Pension Liability	<u>(18,919,711)</u>	
Total		(14,018,385)
Internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of services to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service funds are included in governmental activities in the statement of net position.		<u>29,051</u>
<i>Net Position of Governmental Activities</i>		<u><u>\$83,251,545</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.



**CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO**  
*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances*  
*Governmental Funds*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2017*

	General	Street	Recreation	All Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Property Taxes	\$889,231	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$889,231
Municipal Income Taxes	8,763,840	2,410,017	995,067	1,917,749	14,086,673
Other Local Taxes	232,392	0	0	188,381	420,773
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	0	0	0	497,259	497,259
Charges for Services	946,563	0	782,027	78,233	1,806,823
Licenses and Permits	732,866	0	0	112,722	845,588
Fines and Forfeitures	1,093,325	0	0	174,968	1,268,293
Intergovernmental	632,038	275,298	10,610	2,067,633	2,985,579
Special Assessments	3,075	0	0	25,525	28,600
Interest	21,789	10,463	13,055	83,237	128,544
Contributions and Donations	50,000	0	8,842	0	58,842
Other	439,326	142,880	7,486	198,829	788,521
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>13,804,445</u>	<u>2,838,658</u>	<u>1,817,087</u>	<u>5,344,536</u>	<u>23,804,726</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
<i>Current:</i>					
General Government	5,543,707	0	0	600,095	6,143,802
Security of Persons and Property:					
Police	4,101,457	0	0	4,112	4,105,569
Fire	2,968,458	0	0	0	2,968,458
Transportation	531,410	2,394,044	0	1,195,949	4,121,403
Community and Economic Development	626,197	0	0	81,934	708,131
Leisure Time Services	0	0	4,248,228	681	4,248,909
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	2,960,874	2,960,874
<i>Debt Service:</i>					
Principal Retirement	0	40,549	0	200,000	240,549
Interest and Fiscal Charges	2,665	8,090	22	274,990	285,767
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>13,773,894</u>	<u>2,442,683</u>	<u>4,248,250</u>	<u>5,318,635</u>	<u>25,783,462</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>30,551</u>	<u>395,975</u>	<u>(2,431,163)</u>	<u>25,901</u>	<u>(1,978,736)</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	0	0	0	145,100	145,100
Transfers In	0	0	648,179	440,000	1,088,179
Transfers Out	0	0	0	(1,088,179)	(1,088,179)
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>648,179</u>	<u>(503,079)</u>	<u>145,100</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	<u>30,551</u>	<u>395,975</u>	<u>(1,782,984)</u>	<u>(477,178)</u>	<u>(1,833,636)</u>
<i>Fund Balances at Beginning of Year</i>	<u>1,981,669</u>	<u>881,845</u>	<u>8,344,532</u>	<u>6,475,507</u>	<u>17,683,553</u>
<i>Fund Balances at End of Year</i>	<u>\$2,012,220</u>	<u>\$1,277,820</u>	<u>\$6,561,548</u>	<u>\$5,998,329</u>	<u>\$15,849,917</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**CITY OF ATHENS, 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, 2017*

**Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds** (\$1,833,636)

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the state of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period:

Capital Asset Additions	6,811,890	
Current Year Depreciation	<u>(1,146,927)</u>	
Total		5,664,963

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. (97,418)

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds:  
Property Taxes (41,615)

Repayment of principal (e.g. bonds, notes, leases) is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. 240,549

In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due. 11,424

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities, such as compensated absences do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as an expenditure in the governmental funds.

Compensated Absences Payable	(46,956)	
Premium on Bonds	<u>51,830</u>	
Total		4,874

Contractually required contributions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds; however, the statement of activities reports these amounts as deferred revenues. 1,432,696

Except for amounts reported as deferred inflows/outflows, changes in the net pension liability are reported as pension expense in the statement of activities. (3,091,262)

Internal service funds used by management to charges cost of services to individual funds are not reported in the government-wide statement of activities. Governmental expenditures and the related internal service fund revenues are eliminated. The net revenue (expense) of internal service funds are allocated among the activities. (459,746)

*Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities* \$1,830,829

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO**  
*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and*  
*Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis)*  
*General Fund*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2017*

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Property Taxes	\$910,070	\$889,245	\$889,231	(\$14)
Income Taxes	8,759,724	8,764,467	8,764,467	0
Other Local Taxes	225,000	213,583	213,583	0
Charges for Services	951,920	947,573	947,573	0
Licenses and Permits	686,800	720,172	720,171	(1)
Fines and Forfeitures	1,170,600	1,088,495	1,088,495	0
Intergovernmental	662,003	615,803	615,784	(19)
Special Assessments	800	3,076	3,075	(1)
Interest	27,100	21,785	21,785	0
Contributions and Donations	51,000	50,000	50,000	0
Other	53,012	435,606	435,602	(4)
<i>Total Revenues</i>	13,498,029	13,749,805	13,749,766	(39)
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
<i>Current:</i>				
General Government	6,327,343	6,341,613	5,968,838	372,775
<i>Security of Persons and Property:</i>				
Police	4,226,346	4,122,895	4,100,977	21,918
Fire	3,106,514	2,991,753	2,973,641	18,112
Transportation	586,037	577,468	549,093	28,375
Community and Economic Development	703,905	660,920	634,678	26,242
<i>Debt Service:</i>				
Principal Retirements	523,411	523,411	523,411	0
Interest and Fiscal Charges	2,459	2,459	2,451	8
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	15,476,015	15,220,519	14,753,089	467,430
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	(1,977,986)	(1,470,714)	(1,003,323)	467,391
<b>Other Financing Sources:</b>				
Notes Issued	526,370	423,411	423,411	0
<i>Total Other Financing Sources</i>	526,370	423,411	423,411	0
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	(1,451,616)	(1,047,303)	(579,912)	467,391
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	1,459,482	1,459,482	1,459,482	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	514,036	514,036	514,036	0
Fund Balances at End of Year	\$521,902	\$926,215	\$1,393,606	\$467,391

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO**  
*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and  
 Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis)*  
**Street Fund**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2017*

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Income Taxes	\$2,248,400	\$2,410,181	\$2,410,181	\$0
Intergovernmental	357,850	322,541	322,215	(326)
Interest	3,500	10,463	10,463	0
Other	210,000	142,998	142,880	(118)
<i>Total Revenues</i>	2,819,750	2,886,183	2,885,739	(444)
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
<i>Current:</i>				
Transportation	2,061,922	2,755,354	2,685,775	69,579
<i>Debt Service:</i>				
Principal Retirements	40,550	40,550	40,549	1
Interest and Fiscal Charges	8,091	8,091	8,090	1
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	2,110,563	2,803,995	2,734,414	69,581
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	709,187	82,188	151,325	69,137
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	346,739	346,739	346,739	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	367,336	367,336	367,336	0
Fund Balances at End of Year	\$1,423,262	\$796,263	\$865,400	\$69,137

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**CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO**  
*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and  
Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual (Budget Basis)*  
**Recreation Fund**  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Income Taxes	\$1,684,620	\$995,108	\$995,140	\$32
Charges for Services	775,000	784,668	783,582	(1,086)
Intergovernmental	5,000	10,610	10,610	0
Interest	2,500	13,056	13,055	(1)
Contributions and Donations	6,000	8,900	8,842	(58)
Other	3,300	7,488	7,486	(2)
<i>Total Revenues</i>	2,476,420	1,819,830	1,818,715	(1,115)
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
<i>Current:</i>				
Leisure Time Services	2,968,811	10,038,270	9,961,116	77,154
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirements	0	35,000	35,000	0
Interest and Fiscal Charges	0	140	140	0
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	2,968,811	10,073,410	9,996,256	77,154
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	(492,391)	(8,253,580)	(8,177,541)	76,039
<b>Other Financing Sources:</b>				
Notes Issued	35,140	648,179	648,179	0
<i>Total Other Financing Sources</i>	35,140	648,179	648,179	0
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	(457,251)	(7,605,401)	(7,529,362)	76,039
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	462,308	462,308	462,308	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	7,867,941	7,867,941	7,867,941	0
Fund Balances at End of Year	\$7,872,998	\$724,848	\$800,887	\$76,039

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO**  
*Statement of Fund Net Position*  
*Proprietary Funds*  
*December 31, 2017*

	Business-Type Activities				Governmental Activities	
	Parking Garage	Water	Sewer	All Other Enterprise Funds	Totals	Internal Service Funds
<b>Assets:</b>						
<i>Current:</i>						
Equity in Pooled Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$753,628	\$1,703,992	\$1,882,243	\$1,399,882	\$5,739,745	\$428,339
Accounts Receivable	5,741	323,279	353,325	121,952	804,297	0
Special Assessments Receivable	0	27,551	0	0	27,551	0
Materials and Supplies Inventory	0	299,783	5,878	0	305,661	0
Prepaid Items	1,491	14,198	19,929	941	36,559	18,227
<i>Noncurrent:</i>						
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	319,554	1,154,172	618,483	14,675	2,106,884	0
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	2,951,133	6,281,472	27,561,862	0	36,794,467	50,082
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>4,031,547</b>	<b>9,804,447</b>	<b>30,441,720</b>	<b>1,537,450</b>	<b>45,815,164</b>	<b>496,648</b>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>708,692</b>	<b>724,829</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,433,521</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>						
<i>Current:</i>						
Accounts Payable	2,027	129,038	192,802	86,906	410,773	1,493
Contracts Payable	0	52,959	16,061	0	69,020	0
Accrued Wages Payable	0	72,642	91,490	8,495	172,627	15,387
Compensated Absences Payable	0	113,970	87,252	4,893	206,115	27,174
Intergovernmental Payable	0	4,118	3,406	354	7,878	542
Accrued Interest Payable	3,194	4,518	81,026	0	88,738	0
Claims Payable	0	0	0	0	0	414,102
Notes Payable	0	325,000	250,000	0	575,000	0
General Obligation Bonds Payable	125,000	0	0	0	125,000	0
OWDA Loans Payable	0	57,282	952,918	0	1,010,200	0
<i>Noncurrent Liabilities:</i>						
Compensated Absences Payable	0	74,964	78,197	5,236	158,397	8,899
General Obligation Bonds Payable	1,550,000	0	0	0	1,550,000	0
OWDA Loans Payable	0	1,559,539	15,875,247	0	17,434,786	0
Net Pension Liability	0	1,758,282	1,716,845	0	3,475,127	0
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,680,221</b>	<b>4,152,312</b>	<b>19,345,244</b>	<b>105,884</b>	<b>25,283,661</b>	<b>467,597</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,464</b>	<b>10,216</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,680</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Position:</b>						
Net Investments in Capital Assets	1,595,687	5,493,823	11,102,180	14,675	18,206,365	50,082
Unrestricted	755,639	856,540	708,909	1,416,891	3,737,979	(21,031)
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$2,351,326</b>	<b>\$6,350,363</b>	<b>\$11,811,089</b>	<b>\$1,431,566</b>	<b>\$21,944,344</b>	<b>\$29,051</b>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO**  
*Statement of Revenues, Expenses and  
Changes in Fund Net Position  
Proprietary Funds  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017*

	Business-Type Activities				Totals	Governmental Activities
	Parking Garage	Water	Sewer	All Other Enterprise Funds		Internal Service Funds
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>						
Charges for Services	\$319,178	\$3,645,290	\$4,009,878	\$1,310,385	\$9,284,731	\$3,926,451
Other	0	851	40,218	89,963	131,032	21,187
<i>Total Operating Revenues</i>	<u>319,178</u>	<u>3,646,141</u>	<u>4,050,096</u>	<u>1,400,348</u>	<u>9,415,763</u>	<u>3,947,638</u>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>						
Personal Services	0	1,102,892	1,081,166	114,305	2,298,363	233,864
Fringe Benefits	0	847,028	850,725	70,153	1,767,906	121,556
Contractual Services	101,322	676,310	768,967	1,151,257	2,697,856	603,928
Materials and Supplies	2,811	478,165	322,072	20,158	823,206	40,637
Utilities	13,620	236,958	375,413	0	625,991	2,759
Claims	0	0	0	0	0	3,597,534
Depreciation	59,530	268,683	735,507	0	1,063,720	13,841
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	<u>177,283</u>	<u>3,610,036</u>	<u>4,133,850</u>	<u>1,355,873</u>	<u>9,277,042</u>	<u>4,614,119</u>
<i>Operating Income (Loss)</i>	<u>141,895</u>	<u>36,105</u>	<u>(83,754)</u>	<u>44,475</u>	<u>138,721</u>	<u>(666,481)</u>
<b>Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses):</b>						
Interest Income	11,955	16,792	24,520	22,335	75,602	11,686
Grants and Contributions	0	0	47,135	80,000	127,135	0
Other Non-Operating Revenues	54,851	10,343	21,438	0	86,632	195,049
Loss on Disposal of Capital Assets	0	0	(1,055)	0	(1,055)	0
Interest and Fiscal Charges	(41,196)	(20,991)	(350,309)	0	(412,496)	0
Other Non-Operating Expenses	0	(213)	(621)	(888)	(1,722)	0
<i>Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)</i>	<u>25,610</u>	<u>5,931</u>	<u>(258,892)</u>	<u>101,447</u>	<u>(125,904)</u>	<u>206,735</u>
<i>Change in Net Position</i>	167,505	42,036	(342,646)	145,922	12,817	(459,746)
Net Position at Beginning of Year	<u>2,183,821</u>	<u>6,308,327</u>	<u>12,153,735</u>	<u>1,285,644</u>	<u>21,931,527</u>	<u>488,797</u>
Net Position at End of Year	<u><u>\$2,351,326</u></u>	<u><u>\$6,350,363</u></u>	<u><u>\$11,811,089</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,431,566</u></u>	<u><u>\$21,944,344</u></u>	<u><u>\$29,051</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**Proprietary Funds**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2017**

	Business-Type Activities				Governmental	
	Parking Garage	Water	Sewer	All Other Enterprise Funds	Totals	Internal Service Funds
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</b>						
Cash Received from Customers	\$319,797	\$3,656,959	\$4,033,758	\$1,312,787	\$9,323,301	\$3,926,451
Cash from Other Receipts	0	0	40,218	89,963	130,181	21,187
Cash Payments to Employees	0	(1,649,750)	(1,608,096)	(181,055)	(3,438,901)	(342,201)
Cash Payments for Contractual Services	(101,067)	(633,818)	(752,714)	(1,154,566)	(2,642,165)	(603,576)
Cash Payments for Insurance Claims	0	0	0	0	0	(3,434,363)
Cash Payments for Supplies and Materials	(15,505)	(738,438)	(590,488)	(32,469)	(1,376,900)	(42,808)
<i>Net Cash from Operating Activities</i>	<u>203,225</u>	<u>634,953</u>	<u>1,122,678</u>	<u>34,660</u>	<u>1,995,516</u>	<u>(475,310)</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:</b>						
Other Nonoperating Receipts	54,851	10,343	21,438	0	86,632	240,028
Other Nonoperating Payments	0	(213)	(621)	(888)	(1,722)	0
Grants and Contributions	0	0	47,135	80,000	127,135	0
<i>Net Cash from Noncapital Financing Activities</i>	<u>54,851</u>	<u>10,130</u>	<u>67,952</u>	<u>79,112</u>	<u>212,045</u>	<u>240,028</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:</b>						
Proceeds Received from Notes and Loans	0	977,314	250,000	0	1,227,314	0
Interest Paid on Notes and Loans	(41,644)	(21,230)	(360,770)	0	(423,644)	0
Principal Paid on Notes and Loans	(120,000)	(681,424)	(1,444,861)	0	(2,246,285)	0
Cash Paid to Acquire/Construct Capital Assets	(68,962)	(1,214,698)	(489,362)	0	(1,773,022)	(26,504)
<i>Net Cash from Capital and Related Financing Activities</i>	<u>(230,606)</u>	<u>(940,038)</u>	<u>(2,044,993)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(3,215,637)</u>	<u>(26,504)</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</b>						
Interest Received on Investments	11,955	16,792	24,520	22,335	75,602	11,686
<i>Net Cash from Investing Activities</i>	<u>11,955</u>	<u>16,792</u>	<u>24,520</u>	<u>22,335</u>	<u>75,602</u>	<u>11,686</u>
<i>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</i>	39,425	(278,163)	(829,843)	136,107	(932,474)	(250,100)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	714,203	1,982,155	2,712,086	1,263,775	6,672,219	678,439
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	<u>\$753,628</u>	<u>\$1,703,992</u>	<u>\$1,882,243</u>	<u>\$1,399,882</u>	<u>\$5,739,745</u>	<u>\$428,339</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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**CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO**  
*Statement of Cash Flows*  
*Proprietary Funds*  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

	Business-Type Activities				Totals	Governmental Activities
	Parking Garage	Water	Sewer	All Other Enterprise Funds		Internal Service Funds
<b>Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash from Operating Activities:</b>						
Operating Income (Loss)	\$141,895	\$36,105	(\$83,754)	\$44,475	\$138,721	(\$666,481)
<b>Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash from Operating Activities:</b>						
Depreciation Expense	59,530	268,683	735,507	0	1,063,720	13,841
<b>Changes in Assets and Liabilities:</b>						
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	619	10,818	23,880	2,402	37,719	0
(Increase) Decrease in Material and Supply Inventory	0	(21,311)	308	0	(21,003)	0
(Increase) Decrease in Prepaid Items	255	21,027	19,743	662	41,687	5,289
(Increase) Decrease in Deferred Outflows of Resources	0	(200,082)	(252,240)	0	(452,322)	0
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	926	(3,080)	106,093	(15,427)	88,512	72
Increase (Decrease) in Contracts Payable	0	42,469	16,061	0	58,530	0
Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Wages Payable	0	(2,143)	13,537	941	12,335	3,086
Increase (Decrease) in Compensated Absences	0	33,805	43,294	1,470	78,569	5,390
Increase (Decrease) in Intergovernmental Payable	0	2,420	2,029	137	4,586	322
Increase (Decrease) in Claims Payable	0	0	0	0	0	163,171
Increase (Decrease) in Net Pension Liability	0	460,812	511,265	0	972,077	0
Increase (Decrease) in Deferred Inflows of Resources	0	(14,570)	(13,045)	0	(27,615)	0
<i>Net Cash from Operating Activities</i>	<u>\$203,225</u>	<u>\$634,953</u>	<u>\$1,122,678</u>	<u>\$34,660</u>	<u>\$1,995,516</u>	<u>(\$475,310)</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO**  
*Statement of Fiduciary Net Position*  
*Fiduciary Funds*  
*December 31, 2017*

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	<u>Agency</u>
<b>Assets:</b>	
Equity in Pooled Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$3,050
Cash and Cash Equivalents in Segregated Accounts	<u>574,666</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>577,716</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Deposits Held and Due to Others	<u>577,716</u>
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u><u>\$577,716</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY**

The City of Athens, Ohio (the City) is a body politic and corporate established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio.

The City was incorporated in 1811 and is a statutory municipal corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio. The City operates under a Council-Mayor form of government and provides various services including police and fire protection, parks and recreation, planning, zoning, street maintenance, and other governmental services. In addition, the City owns and operates a water treatment and distribution system, a wastewater treatment and collection system, and a public parking garage, which are reported as enterprise funds. Refuse collection services are also accounted for as an enterprise operation.

As required by generally accepted accounting principles, the financial statements present the City of Athens (the primary government) and any component units. In determining whether to include a governmental department, agency, commission or organization as a component unit, the City must evaluate each entity as to whether they are legally separate and financially accountable based on criteria set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Legal separateness is evaluated on the basis of (1) its corporate name, (2) the right to sue or be sued and (3) the right to buy, sell, lease and mortgage property. Financial accountability is based on (1) the appointment of the governing authority and (2) the ability to impose will or (3) the providing of specific financial benefit or imposition of a specific financial burden. Another factor to consider in this evaluation is whether an entity is fiscally dependent on the City.

Based on the foregoing criteria, the following governmental entity is not considered legally separate and is financially accountable to the City. Therefore, it is included as part of the reporting entity of the City.

Athens Municipal Court - The City budgets and appropriates for the operation of the Court, establishes the compensation for certain Court employees and is ultimately responsible for any operating deficits sustained by the Court. The operations of the Court are presented as a separate Agency Fund in the City's financial statements.

However, the following organizations are not part of the City of Athens reporting entity and are excluded from the City's combined financial statements.

Athens City School District - The Athens City School District encompasses the City of Athens. The members of the Board of Education of the District are elected by the voters within the District. The Board is a legally separate body politic and corporate, capable of suing, contracting, possessing, acquiring, and disposing of real property. The Board controls its own operations and budget and has no financial accountability to the City.

Athens Public Library - The Library provides library services for the citizens of Athens County. The Library is a legally separate entity with no financial accountability to the City. It has a separately selected governing authority and a separate designation of management. The City has no ability to impose its will upon the Library. Additionally, the Library provides no financial benefit to nor does it impose any financial burden upon the City.

Athens Community Television - The Center is a nonprofit organization that operates a public access channel for the citizens of Athens County and surrounding areas. It is a legally separate entity that appoints its own governing board. Although the City contributes a portion of its cable franchise fee revenue toward the operation of the Center, the City cannot impose its will upon the Center. While this organization is excluded from the reporting entity of the City, the contributions made to the Center are reflected in a separate Special Revenue Fund.

The accounting policies and financial reporting practices of the City conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units.

**CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO**  
*Notes to the Basic Financial Statements*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2017*

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of the City have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to local governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial 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 funds is eliminated to avoid "doubling up" revenues and expenses. The statements distinguish between those activities of the City that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental and business-type 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 and for the business-type activities of the City. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of 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 business segment or governmental function 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 and enterprise fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by fund 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: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary.

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

**Governmental Funds:** Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions 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 purposes 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 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 balance is available to the City for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

**Street Fund:** This fund accounts for that portion of the state gasoline and motor vehicle registration fees as well as income tax revenue designated by voters for maintenance and repair of streets within the City.

**Recreation Fund:** This fund accounts for an income tax levy and charges for services to be used for park, recreation and community center purposes.

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

**Proprietary Funds:** Proprietary fund reporting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position and cash flows. The City's proprietary funds are classified as either enterprise or internal service. The following are the City's major enterprise funds:

**Parking Garage Fund:** This fund accounts for the operation of a public parking garage within the City.

**Water Fund:** This fund accounts for the provision of water treatment and distribution to its residential and commercial users located within the City.

**Sewer Fund:** This fund accounts for the provision of sanitary sewer treatment to residential and commercial users located within the City.

The other enterprise funds of the City account for activities for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services. The internal service funds of the City account for the financing of services provided by one department or agency of the City to other departments or agencies of the City on a cost reimbursement basis.

**Fiduciary Funds:** Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds, and agency funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the City under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are therefore not available to support the City's own programs. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The City's fiduciary funds are agency funds - Mansfield House Maintenance which receives donations to handle repairs to the Mansfield House and the Municipal Court which accounts for the activities of the Athens Municipal Court.

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

**Measurement Focus**

**Government-Wide Financial Statements:** The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of the City are included on the statement of 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 and current liabilities 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, all proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statement of fund net position. The statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., 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 activities.

**Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Proprietary and fiduciary funds also use the 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 a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the City, available means expected to be received within sixty days of year-end.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the City receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include municipal income taxes, property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from municipal income taxes is recognized in the period in which the income is earned. Revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal 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 fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the City must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the City on a reimbursement basis.

On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

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

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at fiscal year-end: municipal income taxes, grants, state-levied shared taxes (including gasoline tax), fines and forfeitures, and investment earnings.

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.

Budgetary Accounting and Control:

Under Ohio law, City Council must adopt an appropriations budget by January 1<sup>st</sup> of a given year, or adopt a temporary appropriation measure with final passage of a permanent budget by April 1<sup>st</sup>, for all funds except Agency Funds. Budgets are adopted for each organizational unit by fund.

Each City department prepares a budget which is approved by City Council. All modifications made throughout the year to the original department budgets must be requested by the departmental management and approved through legal resolution by City Council, except in the travel transportation, materials and supplies, and contractual services and miscellaneous or other expenditure categories of each department.

Several budget modifications and supplemental appropriations were made during the year and each revised budget amount reported in the budget to actual comparisons includes all modifications and supplemental appropriations that were necessary.

The City maintains budgetary control by Fund and within each fund by Office, Department and Division. Each Office, Department and Division is further divided by transaction class, representing Personal Services, Supplies & Services and Capital Expenditures. Council ordinance does not permit co-mingling or movement of monies among transaction classes without ordinance; and, does not permit expenditures and encumbrances to exceed appropriations for each transaction class. Unencumbered and unexpended appropriations lapse at year-end in all budgeted funds. Prior year encumbrances and corresponding prior year appropriations are carried forward as part of the budgetary authority for next year and are included in the original and revised budget amounts shown in the budget-to-actual comparisons.

The County Budget Commission determines if the budget substantiates a need to levy all or part of previously authorized taxes and reviews estimated revenue. The Commission certifies its actions to the City by September 1. As part of this certification, the City receives the official certificate of estimated resources, which states the projected revenue of each fund. Prior to December 31, the City must revise its budget so that the total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing fiscal year will not exceed the amount available as stated in the certificate of estimated resources.

The revised budget then serves as the basis for the annual appropriation measure. On or about January 1, the certificate of estimated resources is amended to include any unencumbered balances from the preceding year. The certificate may be further amended during the year if a new source of revenue is identified or actual receipts exceed current estimates. The amounts reported as original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as final budget amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the final amended official certificate of estimated resources issued during 2017.

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

The City's budgetary process accounts for certain transactions on a budgetary basis instead of a GAAP basis. The major differences between the budget basis and the GAAP basis are that revenues are recorded when actually received (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis), and expenditures are recorded when paid (budget basis) as opposed to when incurred (GAAP basis). Additionally, the City reflects outstanding encumbrances at year-end as expenditures on the budgetary basis.

**Cash and Investments**

Cash and investments of the City's funds, except those held in restricted asset accounts, are pooled and invested in short-term investments in order to provide improved cash management. During 2017, the City's funds were invested in interest bearing demand accounts and certificates of deposit with commercial banks. For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the enterprise funds' portion of cash and cash equivalents is considered a cash equivalent because the City is able to withdraw resources from the enterprise funds without prior notice or penalty.

For purposes of the statement of cash flows and for the presentation on the statement of net position/balance sheet, investments with an original maturity of three months or less and investments of the cash management pool are considered to be cash equivalents.

Following the local ordinance of the City as well as State statutes, the City has specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. During 2017, the General Fund earned interest revenue of \$21,789, of which \$1,334 was assigned from other funds.

**Inventories**

On government-wide financial statements, inventories are presented at the lower of cost or market on a first-in, first-out basis and are expensed when used.

On fund financial statements, inventories of governmental funds are stated at cost while inventories of proprietary funds are stated at the lower of cost or market. For all funds, cost is determined on a first-in, first-out basis. The costs of inventory items are recognized as expenditures in governmental funds when purchased and as expenses in the proprietary funds when used.

**Prepaid Items**

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2017 are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method by recording a current asset for the prepaid amount and reflecting the expenditure/expense in the year in which it is consumed.

**Capital Assets**

General capital assets are those assets not specifically related to activities reported in the proprietary funds. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position but are not reported in the fund financial statements. Capital assets utilized by the proprietary funds are reported both in the business-type activities column of the government-wide statement of net position and in the respective funds.



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

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and deletions during the year. Donated capital assets donated works of art or similar items, and capital assets received in a service concession arrangement are reported at acquisition value. The City maintains a capitalization threshold of five thousand dollars. The City's infrastructure consists of streets, traffic signals, bridges, drainage systems, water and sewer lines, and valves and meters.

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 not. Interest incurred during the construction of capital assets is also capitalized. All reported capital assets are depreciated except for land, streets, and construction in progress. 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 replacement. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Description	Governmental Activities Estimated Lives	Business-Type Activities Estimated Lives
Buildings and Improvements	40 - 60 years	40 - 60 years
Machinery and Equipment	5 - 20 years	5 - 20 years
Vehicles	2 - 20 years	3 - 12 years
Infrastructure	20 - 60 years	20 - 50 years

The City has chosen to use the modified approach allowed by GASB Statement No. 34, to report their streets. Therefore depreciation is not calculated for the streets, but they are evaluated each year to determine their values.

**Compensated Absences**

The City reports compensated absences in accordance with the provisions of GASB No. 16, "Accounting for Compensated Absences".

The City records a liability for sick leave, vacation, and compensatory time when the obligation is attributable to services previously rendered, to rights that vest or accumulate, and where payment of the obligation is probable and can be reasonably determined.

Employees earn vacation time at varying rates depending on the duration of their employment. Employees with a minimum of one (1) year of service become vested in accumulated unpaid vacation time. Vacation leave is to be taken by the employee in the year accrued unless administrative approval has been obtained to carry-over the accumulated time to the following year. Ohio law requires that vacation time not be accumulated for more than three (3) years. Unused vacation time is payable upon termination of employment. It is deemed that each employee will remain with the City for at least one year, therefore, the City accrues a liability for each employee based on their unused vacation time.

Unused sick leave may be accumulated until retirement. Employees with a minimum of ten (10) years of service under Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) and fifteen (15) years under Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F) are entitled to payment for accumulated sick leave credit upon retirement. Payment may be made at twenty-five (25) percent, up to a maximum of thirty (30) days, of accrued sick leave credit. The City uses a termination method to accrue a liability based on average sick leave rates paid to retirees and years worked by current employees.

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

Employees are awarded compensatory time off in lieu of overtime pay when overtime hours are worked, except in certain departments where employees have the option of being compensated for overtime hours worked. Compensatory time off must be used within a specified period of time. Upon termination of employment or retirement, employees may be entitled to payment for unused compensatory time in those departments which provide for payment of overtime hours. The City accrues a liability for each employee with unused compensatory time.

The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements. In governmental funds, compensated absences are recognized as liabilities and expenditures to the extent payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee resignation or retirement. These amounts are recorded in the account "matured compensated absences payable" in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated leave are paid. The noncurrent portion of the liability is not reported on the fund financial statements. In proprietary funds, the entire amount of compensated absences is reported as a fund liability on the fund financial statements.

**Pensions**

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

**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, compensated absences, and contractually required pension contributions 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 year. Bonds, capital leases and long-term loans are recognized as a liability on the fund financial statements when due.

**Fund Balance**

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report aggregate amounts for five classifications of fund balances based on the constraints imposed on the use of these resources. Fund balances of the governmental funds are classified as follows:

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

**Restricted** – amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because either (a) constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions, charter requirements or enabling legislation; or (b) constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

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

**Committed** – amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal ordinances or resolutions of the City Council – the City’s highest level of decision making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the City Council removes the specified use by taking the same type of action as when imposing the commitment. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

**Assigned** – amounts constrained by the City’s “intent” to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The City Council, City Officials have the authority to assign amount to be used for specific purposes. Assigned fund balances include all remaining amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in governmental funds, other than the General Fund, that are not classified as nonspendable and are neither restricted nor committed.

**Unassigned** – this is the residual classification for the General Fund. It is also used to report negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available, the City considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When expenditures are incurred for which committed, assigned or unassigned fund balances are available, the City considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the City Council has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

**Net Position**

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. 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 either through the enabling legislation adopted by the City or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws, or regulations of other governments. Restricted for Other Purposes includes funds which are restricted by grant agreements.

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

**Operating Revenues and Expenses**

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the proprietary funds. For the City, these revenues are parking garage fees and charges for services for water, sanitary sewer, and garbage collection services. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the goods or services that are the primary activity of the fund.

**Interfund Transactions**

Transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the government-wide statements are reported in the same manner as general revenues.

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

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 proprietary funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

**Extraordinary and Special Items**

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the City Administration and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither type of transaction occurred during 2017.

**Estimates**

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

**NOTE 3 - RECONCILIATION OF BUDGET BASIS TO GAAP BASIS**

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

- (a) Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis).
- (b) Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis).
- (c) Outstanding year end encumbrances are treated as expenditures (budget basis) rather than as a reservation of fund balance (GAAP basis).
- (d) Proceeds from and principal payment on bond and tax anticipation notes are reported on the operating statement (budget basis) rather than on the balance sheet (GAAP basis).
- (e) Certain funds are maintained as separate funds for accounting and budgetary purposes (budget basis) but do not meet the criteria for separate reporting in the financial statements (GAAP basis) and are reported in the General Fund in accordance with GASB Statement No. 54.

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**NOTE 3 - RECONCILIATION OF BUDGET BASIS TO GAAP BASIS (Continued)**

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP and budgetary basis statements for the General Fund and major special revenue fund.

	Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses/Net Change in Fund Balance		
	General	Street	Recreation
Budget Basis	(\$579,912)	\$151,325	(\$7,529,362)
<i>Adjustments:</i>			
Revenue Accruals	50,955	(47,081)	(1,628)
Expenditure Accruals	353,035	125,049	(868,821)
Encumbrances	629,328	166,682	6,616,827
Other Financing Sources	(423,411)	0	0
<i>Prospective Difference:</i>			
Activity of Funds Reclassified For GAAP Reporting Purposes	556	0	0
GAAP Basis	\$30,551	\$395,975	(\$1,782,984)

**NOTE 4 - NEW GASB PRONOUNCEMENTS**

For fiscal year 2017, the City implemented GASB Statement No. 74, “Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans”, GASB Statement No. 80, “Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units”, GASB Statement No. 81, “Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements,” and GASB Statement No. 82, “Pension Issues. The implementation of GASB Statements Nos. 74, 80, 81 and 82 had no effect on the prior period fund balances of the City.

**NOTE 5 - CASH, 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 Council has identified as not required for use within the two year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must be either 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.

**NOTE 5 - CASH, DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

Interim deposits are deposits of interim moneys. Interim moneys are those moneys 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. Interim monies may be deposited or invested in the following securities:

- (1) United States treasury notes, bills, bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal or interest by the United States;
- (2) Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government 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, government national mortgage association, and student loan marketing 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 fair value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to fair value daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
- (4) Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
- (5) No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) of this section, and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
- (6) The State Treasury Assets Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio);
- (7) Certain bankers acceptances and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days from the date of purchase in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of interim monies available for investment at any time; and
- (8) Under limited circumstances, corporate debt interests rated in either of the two highest rating classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

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

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

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.

**NOTE 5 - CASH, DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

Protection of the City's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, by surety company bonds deposited with the treasurer by the financial institution or by a single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public moneys deposited with the institution.

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.

The following information classifies deposits and investments by categories of risk as defined in GASB Statement No. 3, "Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments and Reverse Repurchase Agreements", and GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure."

**Deposits:** Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the City's deposits may not be returned. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the City.

At December 31, 2017, the carrying amount of all City deposits was \$23,334,978. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of December 31, 2017, \$21,855,141 of the City's bank balance of \$22,855,141 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed above while \$1,000,000 was covered by Federal Deposit Insurance. The \$21,855,141 exposed to custodial risk was collateralized with securities held by the City or its agency in the City's name.

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

Eligible securities pledged to the City and deposited with a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment whose market value at all times shall be at least 105 percent of the deposits being secured; or

Participation in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution. OPCS requires the total market value of the securities pledged to be 102 percent of the deposits being secured or a rate set by the Treasurer of State.

Three of the City's four financial institutions are enrolled in the OPCS; however, at December 31, 2017, the financial institutions still maintained their own collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value at all times shall be at least 105 percent of the deposits being secured.

**NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES**

Property taxes, include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in the City. Real property taxes are levied after October 1 on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1, the lien date. Assessed values are established by State law at 35 percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are collected in and intended to finance the year following the year in which they are levied.



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**NOTE 6 - PROPERTY TAXES (Continued)**

Public utility property taxes are assessed on land and improvements at true value (normally 50 percent of cost).

The assessed value upon which the 2017 taxes were collected was \$357,441,740. The full tax rate for all City operations that was applied to real property for the year ended December 31, 2017 was \$2.60 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for City residents in Athens Township, and \$2.40 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for City residents in Canaan Township. Real property owners' tax bills are reduced for inflationary increases in property values and when applicable, are further reduced by homestead and rollback deductions. The amount of these homestead and rollback reductions is reimbursed to the City by the State of Ohio.

*Real Property:*

Residential/Agricultural	\$190,184,830
Commercial/Industrial	<u>148,738,000</u>
Total Real Property	338,922,830

*Personal Property:*

Public Utilities	<u>18,518,910</u>
Total Assessed Valuation	<u><u>\$357,441,740</u></u>

Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due May 19; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due May 19 with the remainder payable by August 25. Under certain circumstances, state statute permits earlier or later payment dates to be established.

Personal property taxes paid by multi-county taxpayers are due October 20. Single county taxpayers may pay annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due June 23; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due June 23, with the remainder payable by October 20.

Accrued property taxes receivable represents delinquent taxes outstanding and real and public utility taxes which were measurable as of December 31, 2017. Although total property tax collections for the next fiscal year are measurable, amounts to be received during the available period are not intended to finance 2017 operations. The receivable is therefore offset by a credit to deferred inflows of resources.

**NOTE 7 - INCOME TAX REVENUE**

The City levies a tax of 1.85 percent on all salaries, wages, commissions, other compensation and net profits earned within the City, as well as, on incomes of residents earned outside the City. In the latter case, the City allows a credit of 1 percent of the tax paid to another municipality to a maximum of the total amount assessed.

Employers within the City are required to withhold income tax on employee's compensation and remit the tax to the City as follows:

1. In quarterly payments to be made on or before the last day of the month following each calendar quarter of the year, if the amount to be deducted and withheld during the quarter will not exceed \$500.
2. In monthly payments to be made on or before the last day of the month following each month of each year, if the amount to be deducted and withheld during the quarter exceeds \$500 or more.

In 2017, the income tax generated a total of \$14,086,673 in income tax revenue.



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**NOTE 8 - INTERFUND ACTIVITY**

A summary of interfund transfers for 2017 were as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
Recreation	\$648,179	\$0
<i>Nonmajor Governmental Funds:</i>		
Community Center	0	648,179
Judges Court Computer	0	32,000
Clerk of Court Computer	32,000	0
Athens City Enhancement	8,000	0
Street Rehabilitation	400,000	0
Armory/Hudson Street Buildings	0	8,000
TIF Municipal Improvements	0	400,000
Total	<u>\$1,088,179</u>	<u>\$1,088,179</u>

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, (2) move receipts restricted to debt service from the funds collecting the receipts to the debt service fund as debt service payments become due, and (3) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations. Transfers were made out of the Judges Court Computer, Athens City Enhancement and Tax Increment Financing Funds (nonmajor governmental funds) to properly identify distribution and use of revenues as stipulated.

**NOTE 9 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL RECEIVABLE**

Receivables at December 31, 2017 consisted of property taxes, income taxes, accounts (billings for user charged services), notes, loans, special assessments, interest and intergovernmental grants. All receivables are considered fully collectible.

A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivable follows:

<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
<i>General Fund:</i>	
Local Government Distributions	\$90,913
<i>Street Fund:</i>	
Street Maintenance Distributions	81,148
Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds	21,117
Total Intergovernmental Receivable	<u>\$193,178</u>

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**NOTE 10 – DEFERRED INFLOWS/DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

In addition to assets, the statements of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the City, deferred outflows of resources of are reported on the government-wide statement of net position and include deferred charges on refunding and pension expense. A deferral for pension results from changes in Net Pension Liability not recognized as a component of current year pension expense. This amount is deferred and amortized over various periods as instructed by the pension plan administrators. Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions are explained further in Note 14.

A summary of deferred outflows of resources reported in the statements of net position follows:

	<b>Governmental</b>	<b>Business-Type</b>		
	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>Sewer</b>
<i>Deferred Outflows of Resources:</i>				
Pension Expense	\$5,245,821	\$1,433,521	\$708,692	\$724,829
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>\$5,245,821</b>	<b>\$1,433,521</b>	<b>\$708,692</b>	<b>\$724,829</b>

In addition to liabilities, the statements of financial position report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. For the City, deferred inflows of resources include property taxes, payments in lieu of taxes, unavailable revenues and pension. Property taxes and payments in lieu of taxes represent amounts for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of December 31, 2017, but which were levied to finance year 2018 operations. These amounts have been recorded as deferred inflows on both the government-wide statement of net position and the governmental fund financial statements. Unavailable revenue is reported only on the governmental funds balance sheet, and represents receivables which will not be collected within the available period. For the City, unavailable revenue includes delinquent property taxes, income taxes, franchise taxes, intergovernmental grants, special assessments, and charges for services. These amounts are deferred and recognized as inflows of resources in the period the amounts become available. Additionally, deferred inflows related to pensions are reported in the government-wide statement of net position. Deferred inflows related to pensions result from changes in Net Pension Liability not recognized as a component of current year pension expense. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension are explained further in Note 14.

A summary of deferred inflows of resources reported in the statements of net position follows:

	<b>Governmental</b>	<b>Business-Type</b>		
	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>Sewer</b>
<i>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</i>				
Nonexchange Revenue	\$879,854	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pensions	344,495	20,680	10,464	10,216
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>\$1,224,349</b>	<b>\$20,680</b>	<b>\$10,464</b>	<b>\$10,216</b>

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**NOTE 10 – DEFERRED INFLOWS/DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES (Continued)**

On the modified accrual basis of accounting, the City has recorded certain receivables where the related revenue is unavailable. Unavailable revenue has been reported as deferred inflow of resources on the governmental fund Balance Sheet as follows:

	Governmental Funds
	General
Property Taxes	\$900,564
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$900,564

**NOTE 11- CAPITAL ASSETS**

The following is a summary of changes in the capital assets of the governmental activities during the fiscal year:

	Balance January 1, 2017	Additions/ Transfers	Deletions/ Transfers	Balance December 31, 2017
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>				
<i>Nondepreciable Capital Assets:</i>				
Land	\$3,286,876	\$0	\$0	\$3,286,876
Infrastructure	48,234,472	6,446,660	0	54,681,132
Construction in Progress	10,267,148	6,403,928	(9,352,215)	7,318,861
Total Nondepreciable Capital Assets	61,788,496	12,850,588	(9,352,215)	65,286,869
<i>Depreciable Capital Assets:</i>				
Land Improvements	1,557,479	2,523,507	0	4,080,986
Buildings	14,975,616	0	0	14,975,616
Machinery, Equipment and Vehicles	9,140,035	731,722	(749,965)	9,121,792
Infrastructure	18,423,891	90,062	(160,000)	18,353,953
Total Depreciable Capital Assets	44,097,021	3,345,291	(909,965)	46,532,347
<i>Less Accumulated Depreciation:</i>				
Land Improvements	(338,199)	(32,192)	0	(370,391)
Buildings	(6,975,091)	(316,717)	0	(7,291,808)
Machinery, Equipment and Vehicles	(7,659,317)	(626,645)	741,514	(7,544,448)
Infrastructure	(5,415,406)	(190,484)	71,033	(5,534,857)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(20,388,013)	(1,166,038)	812,547	(20,741,504)
Total Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	23,709,008	2,179,253	(97,418)	25,790,843
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$85,497,504	\$15,029,841	(\$9,449,633)	\$91,077,712

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**NOTE 11 - CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)**

For governmental activities, depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows:

Governmental Activities	
General Government	\$244,918
<i>Security of Persons and Property:</i>	
Police	70,454
Fire	249,682
Transportation	379,721
Leisure Time Activities	221,263
Governmental Activities Depreciation Expense	\$1,166,038

The following is a summary of changes in the capital assets of the business-type activities for the fiscal year:

	Balance January 1, 2017	Additions/ Transfers	Deletions/ Transfers	Balance December 31, 2017
<i>Nondepreciable Capital Assets:</i>				
Land	\$463,489	\$0	\$0	\$463,489
Construction in Progress	3,225,425	1,712,862	(3,294,892)	1,643,395
Total Nondepreciable Capital Assets	3,688,914	1,712,862	(3,294,892)	2,106,884
<i>Depreciable Capital Assets:</i>				
Land Improvements	8,555	0	0	8,555
Buildings	30,017,763	1,836,141	0	31,853,904
Machinery, Equipment and Vehicles	2,341,526	60,159	(161,956)	2,239,729
Infrastructure	27,317,922	1,458,752	0	28,776,674
Total Depreciable Capital Assets	59,685,766	3,355,052	(161,956)	62,878,862
<i>Less Accumulated Depreciation:</i>				
Land Improvements	(8,555)	0	0	(8,555)
Buildings	(6,919,781)	(573,511)	0	(7,493,292)
Machinery, Equipment and Vehicles	(2,081,438)	(72,232)	160,900	(1,992,770)
Infrastructure	(16,171,801)	(417,977)	0	(16,589,778)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(25,181,575)	(1,063,720)	160,900	(26,084,395)
Total Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	34,504,191	2,291,332	(1,056)	36,794,467
Business-Type Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$38,193,105	\$4,004,194	(\$3,295,948)	\$38,901,351

The business-type activities of the City are the parking garage, water, sewer and garbage operations.

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**NOTE 12 - NOTES PAYABLE**

The Ohio Revised Code provides that notes, including renewal notes, issued in anticipation of the issuance of general obligation bonds, may be issued and outstanding from time to time up to a maximum period of twenty (20) years from the date of issuance of the original notes (the maximum maturity for notes anticipating general obligation bonds payable from special assessments is five (5) years). Any period in excess of five (5) years must be deducted from the permitted maximum maturity of bonds anticipated, and portions of the principal amount of notes outstanding for more than five (5) years must be retired in amounts at least equal to, and payable not later than, those principal maturities that would have been required if the bonds had been issued at the expiration of the initial five (5) year period.

Bond anticipation notes may be retired at maturity from the proceeds of the sale of renewal notes or of the bonds anticipated by the notes, or available funds of the City, or a combination of these sources. All notes are backed by the full faith and credit of the City.

The following is a summary of the City's note obligation activity for the year ended December 31, 2017:

Purpose/Description	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Balance January 1, 2017	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31, 2017
<b><u>Governmental Activities:</u></b>						
<i>Notes Payable:</i>						
Fire Dept. Ladder Truck	2017	0.75%	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
Fire Dept. Pumper Truck	2017	0.44%	473,411	0	473,411	0
Fire Dept. Pumper Truck	2018	0.77%	0	423,411	0	423,411
Community Center Energy Notes	2017	0.40%	35,000	0	35,000	0
Swimming Pool Design	2017	0.40%	0	648,179	648,179	0
Governmental Activities Notes Payable			<u>\$558,411</u>	<u>\$1,071,590</u>	<u>\$1,206,590</u>	<u>\$423,411</u>
<b><u>Business-Type Activities:</u></b>						
<i>Notes Payable:</i>						
WWTP Improvements	2017	0.75%	\$450,000	\$0	\$450,000	\$0
WTP Improvements Designs	2017	0.55%	625,000	\$0	\$625,000	0
WWTP Improvements	2018	0.90%	0	250,000	0	250,000
WTP Improvements Designs	2018	0.90%	0	325,000	0	325,000
Business-Type Activities Notes Payable			<u>\$1,075,000</u>	<u>\$575,000</u>	<u>\$1,075,000</u>	<u>\$575,000</u>

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**NOTE 13 - LONG-TERM DEBT AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS**

The City's long-term obligations activity for the year ended December 31, 2017 was as follows:

Purpose/Description	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Balance January 1, 2017	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31, 2017	Amounts Due Within One Year
<b><u>Governmental Activities:</u></b>							
<i>General Obligation Bonds Payable:</i>							
University Estates St. Imp Bonds	2024	2.30%	\$351,745	\$0	\$40,549	\$311,196	\$41,482
Swimming Pool Imp Bonds	2035	2.00%	7,300,000	0	200,000	7,100,000	220,000
Premium on Bonds Issued			984,768	0	51,830	932,938	51,830
<i>Other Long-Term Obligations:</i>							
Compensated Absences			1,271,566	537,495	485,149	1,323,912	852,570
<i>Net Pension Liability:</i>							
OPERS			6,468,844	1,976,524	0	8,445,368	0
OP&F			10,418,092	56,251	0	10,474,343	0
Total Net Pension Liability			16,886,936	2,032,775	0	18,919,711	0
Governmental Activities Long-Term Obligations			\$26,795,015	2,570,270	\$777,528	28,587,757	\$1,165,882

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**NOTE 13 - LONG-TERM DEBT AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS (Continued)**

Purpose/Description	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Balance January 1, 2017	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31, 2017	Amounts Due Within One Year
<b><i>Business-Type Activities:</i></b>							
<i>OWDA Loans Payable:</i>							
Loan No. 3873	2023	3.53%	\$1,136,296	\$0	\$145,794	\$990,502	\$150,986
Original Issue Date - 2004							
Original Issue Amount - \$2,632,603							
Loan No. 5259	2030	0.00%	336,000	0	24,000	312,000	\$24,000
Original Issue Date - 2009							
Original Issue Amount - \$480,000							
Loan No. 6270	2033	2.63%	684,931	0	32,424	652,507	33,282
Original Issue Date - 2012							
Original Issue Amount - \$777,271							
Loan No. 6426	2035	1.82%	16,686,730	0	849,067	15,837,663	801,932
Original Issue Date - 2013							
Original Issue Amount - \$17,474,264							
Loan No. 7856	2040	1.81%	0	652,314	0	652,314	0
Original Issue Date - 2017							
Original Issue Amount - \$10,873,616							
<i>Other Long-Term Obligations:</i>							
Parking Garage Renovation Bonds	2029	2.32%	1,795,000	0	120,000	1,675,000	125,000
Compensated Absences			285,943	203,285	124,716	364,512	206,115
Net Pension Liability - OPERS:							
Water			1,297,470	460,812	0	1,758,282	0
Sewer			1,205,580	511,265	0	1,716,845	0
Total Net Pension Liability - OPERS			2,503,050	972,077	0	3,475,127	0
Business-Type Activities Long-Term Obligations			\$23,427,950	\$1,827,676	\$1,296,001	\$23,959,625	\$1,341,315

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**NOTE 13 - LONG-TERM DEBT AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS (Continued)**

The City's long-term debt requirements, excluding compensated absences as of December 31, 2017, are as follows:

Year Ending December 31	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-Type Activities*</u>	
	Payments		Payments	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2018	261,482	267,496	\$333,268	\$84,397
2019	277,436	262,140	339,526	76,046
2020	293,412	257,052	350,999	67,509
2021	304,411	251,679	357,694	58,664
2022	325,432	242,857	369,619	49,620
2023-2027	1,794,023	1,044,707	1,214,800	142,359
2028-2032	2,355,000	654,200	614,851	34,298
2033-2037	<u>1,800,000</u>	<u>146,800</u>	<u>49,252</u>	<u>974</u>
Total	<u>\$7,411,196</u>	<u>\$3,126,931</u>	<u>\$3,630,009</u>	<u>\$513,867</u>

\* Business-Type Activities does not include OWDA loan 6426 and 7856 due to loans not being completed at December 31, 2017.

**Long-Term Bonds and Loans:** All long-term debt issued for governmental purposes of the City (including special assessment debt with governmental commitment) is retired through the Debt Service Fund. OWDA enterprise loans are retired through the respective Enterprise Funds. OWDA loans are secured by revenues generated from enterprise operations. Special assessment bonds are secured by an unvoted property tax levy (special assessment), which constitutes a lien on assessed properties. In the event of default by the assessed property owners, the City would be obligated to pay the special assessment debt. These bonds are also backed by the full faith and credit of the City as additional security.

General obligations bonds are secured by 0.1 percent of the City's income tax. These bonds are also backed by the full faith and credit of the City.

**NOTE 14 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

***Net Pension Liability***

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



**NOTE 14 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

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

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

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

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

***Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)***

*Plan Description* - City employees, other than full-time police and firefighters, participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS administers three separate pension plans. The traditional pension plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan and the combined plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with defined contribution features. While members (e.g. City employees) may elect the member-directed plan and the combined plan, substantially all employee members are in OPERS' traditional plan; therefore, the following disclosure focuses on the traditional pension plan.

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

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

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**NOTE 14 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

<b>Group A</b> Eligible to retire prior to January 7, 2013 or five years after January 7, 2013	<b>Group B</b> 20 years of service credit prior to January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire ten years after January 7, 2013	<b>Group C</b> Members not in other Groups and members hired on or after January 7, 2013
<b>State and Local</b>	<b>State and Local</b>	<b>State and Local</b>
<b>Age and Service Requirements:</b> Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	<b>Age and Service Requirements:</b> Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	<b>Age and Service Requirements:</b> Age 57 with 25 years of service credit or Age 62 with 5 years of service credit
<b>Formula:</b> 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	<b>Formula:</b> 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	<b>Formula:</b> 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.

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

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

	<u>State and Local</u>	
<b>Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates</b>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Employer	14.0 %	14.0 %
Employee	10.0 %	10.0 %
 <b>Actual Contribution Rates</b>		
Employer:		
Pension	13.0 %	12.0 %
Post-employment Health Care Benefits	1.0 %	2.0 %
 Total Employer	 <u>14.0 %</u>	 <u>14.0 %</u>
 Employee	 <u>10.0 %</u>	 <u>10.0 %</u>

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The City's contractually required contribution was \$945,646 for 2017. Of this amount, \$53,981 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

**NOTE 14 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

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

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

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

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

The annual pension benefit for normal service retirement is equal to a percentage of the allowable average annual salary. The percentage equals 2.5 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.

Under normal service retirement, retired members who are at least 55 years old and have been receiving OPF benefits for at least one year may be eligible for a cost-of-living allowance adjustment. The age 55 provision for receiving a COLA does not apply to those who are receiving a permanent and total disability benefit and statutory survivors.

Members retiring under normal service retirement, with less than 15 years of service credit on July 1, 2013, will receive a COLA equal to either three percent or the percent increase, if any, in the consumer price index (CPI) over the 12-month period ending on September 30 of the immediately preceding year, whichever is less. The COLA amount for members with at least 15 years of service credit as of July 1, 2013 is equal to three percent of their base pension or disability benefit.

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

<b>2017 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates</b>	<b>Police</b>	<b>Firefighters</b>
Employer	19.50 %	24.00 %
Employee	12.25 %	12.25 %

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**NOTE 14 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

	Police	Firefighters
<b>2017 Actual Contribution Rates</b>		
Employer:		
Pension	19.00 %	23.50 %
Post-employment Health Care Benefits	0.50	0.50
Total Employer	19.50 %	24.00 %
Employee	12.25 %	12.25 %

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The City's contractually required contribution to OPF was \$762,730 for 2017. Of this amount, \$45,186 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

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

The net pension liability for OPERS was measured as of December 31, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. OPF's total pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2016, and was determined by rolling forward the total pension liability as of January 1, 2016, to December 31, 2016. 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 Share of the Net Pension Liability:			
Current Measurement Date	0.0524940%	0.1653700%	
Prior Measurement Date	0.0517970%	0.1619460%	
Change in Proportionate Share	0.0006970%	0.0034240%	
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$11,920,495	\$10,474,343	\$22,394,838
Pension Expense	\$2,589,857	\$1,272,227	\$3,862,084

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**NOTE 14 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

At December 31, 2017, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>OPERS</u>	<u>OP&amp;F</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$16,157	\$2,963	\$19,120
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	1,775,236	1,018,587	2,793,823
Changes of Assumptions	1,890,734	0	1,890,734
Changes in proportion and differences between City contributions and proportionate share of contributions	101,104	163,185	264,289
City contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>945,646</u>	<u>762,730</u>	<u>1,708,376</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u><u>\$4,728,877</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,947,465</u></u>	<u><u>\$6,676,342</u></u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$70,943	\$24,118	\$95,061
Changes in proportion and differences between City contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>9,652</u>	<u>260,462</u>	<u>270,114</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u><u>\$80,595</u></u>	<u><u>\$284,580</u></u>	<u><u>\$365,175</u></u>

\$1,708,376 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, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	<u>OPERS</u>	<u>OP&amp;F</u>	<u>Total</u>
Year Ending December 31:			
2018	\$1,543,703	\$356,371	\$1,900,074
2019	1,577,283	356,370	1,933,653
2020	633,685	264,066	897,751
2021	(52,035)	(99,584)	(151,619)
2022	0	19,674	19,674
Thereafter	<u>0</u>	<u>3,258</u>	<u>3,258</u>
Total	<u><u>\$3,702,636</u></u>	<u><u>\$900,155</u></u>	<u><u>\$4,602,791</u></u>

**Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS**

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

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**NOTE 14 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation. The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2016, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 67. In 2016, the OPERS' actuarial consultants conducted an experience study for the period 2011 through 2015, comparing assumptions to actual results. The experience study incorporates both historical review and forward-looking projections to determine the appropriate set of assumptions to keep the plan on a path toward full funding. Information from the study led to changes in both demographic and economic assumptions, with the most notable being a reduction in the actuarially assumed rate of return from 8.0 percent down to 7.5 percent, for the defined benefits investment. Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results, prepared as of December 31, 2016, compared with December 31, 2015, are presented below.

	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Wage Inflation	3.25 percent	3.75 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.25 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation	4.25 to 10.05 percent including wage inflation
<i>COLA or Ad Hoc COLA:</i>		
Pre-January 7, 2013 Retirees	3 percent, simple	3 percent, simple
Post-January 7, 2013 Retirees	3 percent, simple through 2018, then 2.15 percent, simple	3 percent, simple through 2018, then 2.08 percent, simple
Investment Rate of Return	7.5 percent	8 percent
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age	Individual Entry Age

For 2016, mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant mortality table. For males, Healthy Annuitant Mortality tables were used, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base of 2006 and then established the base year as 2015. For females, Healthy Annuitant Mortality tables were used, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base of 2006 and then established the base year as 2010. The mortality rates used in evaluating disability allowances were based on the RP-2014 Disabled mortality tables, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base of 2015 for males and 2010 for females.

Mortality rates for a particular calendar year for both healthy and disabled retiree mortality tables are determined by applying the MP-2015 mortality improvement scale to the above described tables.

For 2015, mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Mortality Table projected 20 years using Projection Scale AA. For males, 105 percent of the combined healthy male mortality rates were used. For females, 100 percent of the combined healthy female mortality rates were used. The mortality rates used in evaluating disability allowances were based on the RP-2000 mortality table with no projections. For males 120 percent of the disabled female mortality rates were used set forward two years. For females, 100 percent of the disabled female mortality rates were used.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five year period ended December 31, 2015. The prior experience study was completed for the five year period ended December 31, 2010.

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**NOTE 14 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

The long-term rate of return on defined benefit investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected real rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation.

During 2016, OPERS manages investments in four investment portfolios: the Defined Benefits portfolio, the 401(h) Health Care Trust portfolio, the 115 Health Care Trust portfolio and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The 401(h) Health Care Trust portfolio was closed as of June 30, 2016 and the net position transferred the 115 Health Care Trust portfolio on July 1, 2016. The Defined Benefit portfolio includes the investment assets of the Traditional Pension Plan, the defined benefit component of the Combined Plan, and the annuitized accounts of the Member-Directed Plan. The Defined Benefit portfolio historically included the assets of the Member-Directed retiree medical accounts funded through the VEBA Trust. However, the VEBA Trust was closed as of June 30, 2016 and the net position transferred to the 115 Health Care Trust portfolio on July 1, 2016. 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 investments expense and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Defined Benefit portfolio is 8.3 percent for 2016.

The allocation of investment assets with the Defined Benefit portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined benefit pension plans. The table below displays the Board-approved asset allocation policy for 2016 and the long-term expected real rates of return:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Arithmetic)</u>
Fixed Income	23.00 %	2.75 %
Domestic Equities	20.70	6.34
Real Estate	10.00	4.75
Private Equity	10.00	8.97
International Equities	18.30	7.95
Other investments	18.00	4.92
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	<u>5.66 %</u>



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**NOTE 14 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

**Discount Rate** The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability for 2016 was 7.5 percent. The discount rate for 2015 was 8 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and those of the contributing employers are made at the statutorily required rates. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefits payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

**Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** The following table presents the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 8 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 (7 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (9 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.50%)	Current Discount Rate (7.50%)	1% Increase (8.50%)
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$18,211,218	\$11,920,495	\$6,678,287

**Actuarial Assumptions – OPF**

OPF's total pension liability as of December 31, 2016 is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of January 1, 2016, and rolled-forward using generally accepted actuarial procedures. The total pension liability is determined by OPF's actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 67, as part of their annual valuation. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of reported amounts and assumptions about probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment mortality, salary increases, disabilities, retirements and employment terminations. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation, prepared as of January 1, 2016, are presented below:

Valuation Date	January 1, 2016
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Investment Rate of Return	8.25 percent
Projected Salary Increases	4.25 percent to 11 percent
Payroll Increases	3.75 percent
Inflation Assumptions	3.25 percent
Cost of Living Adjustments	2.60 percent and 3.00 percent

Rates of death are based on the RP2000 Combined Table, age-adjusted as follows. For active members, set back six years. For disability retirements, set forward five years for police and three years for firefighters. For service retirements, set back zero years for police and two years for firefighters. For beneficiaries, set back zero years. The rates are applied on a fully generational basis, with a base year of 2009, using mortality improvement Scale AA.

The most recent experience study was completed January 1, 2012.



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**NOTE 14 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block approach and assumes a time horizon, as defined in the Statement of Investment Policy. A forecasted rate of inflation serves as the baseline for the return expectation. Various real return premiums over the baseline inflation rate have been established for each asset class. The long-term expected nominal rate of return has been determined by calculating a weighted averaged of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate and adding the expected return from rebalancing uncorrelated asset classes. Best estimates of the long-term expected geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in OPF's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2016 are summarized below:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.00 %	0.00 %
Domestic Equity	16.00	5.21
Non-US Equity	16.00	5.40
Core Fixed Income *	20.00	2.37
Global Inflation Protected *	20.00	2.33
High Yield	15.00	4.48
Real Estate	12.00	5.65
Private Markets	8.00	7.99
Timber	5.00	6.87
Master Limited Partnerships	8.00	7.36
Total	<u>120.00 %</u>	

\* levered 2x

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

**Discount Rate** The total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 8.25 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contributions from employers and from the members would be computed based on contribution requirements as stipulated by State statute. Projected inflows from investment earning were calculated using the longer-term assumed investment rate of return 8.25 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 8.25 percent, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (7.25 percent), or one percentage point higher (9.25 percent) than the current rate.

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**NOTE 14 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

	1% Decrease (7.25%)	Current Discount Rate (8.25%)	1% Increase (9.25%)
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$13,950,620	\$10,474,343	\$7,528,201

**NOTE 15 - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

***Ohio Public Employees Retirement System***

*Plan Description* – The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) administers three separate pension plans. The Traditional Pension Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The Member-Directed Plan is a defined contribution plan. The Combined Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and a defined contribution plan.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care trust, which funds multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage and deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement to qualifying benefit recipients of both the Traditional Pension and the Combined Plans. This is also used to fund health care for Member-Directed Plan participants, in the form of a Retiree Medical Account (RMA). At retirement or refund, participants can be reimbursed for qualified medical expenses from their vested RMA balance.

In order to qualify for health care coverage, age-and-service retirees under the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans must have 20 or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit. Health care coverage for disability benefit recipients and qualified survivor benefit recipients is available. The health care coverage provided by OPERS meets the definition of an Other Postemployment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement No. 45. Please see the Plan Statement in the OPERS 2016 CAFR for details.

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 OPERS Board of Trustees (OPERS Board) in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml#CAFR>, by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling (614) 222-5601 or (800) 222-7377.

*Funding Policy* - The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority requiring public employers to fund health care through their contributions to OPERS. A portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS may be set aside to fund OPERS health care plans.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the earnable salary of active members. In 2017, the City contributed at a rate of 14.0% of earnable salary. This is the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund health care.

**NOTE 15 –POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)**

Each year, the OPERS Board of Trustees determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the Traditional Pension Plan and Combined Plan was 1.0% during calendar year 2017. As recommended by OPERS' actuary, the portion of employer contributions allocated to health care beginning January 1, 2018 decreased to 0.0% for both plans. The OPERS Board is also authorized to establish rules for the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries to pay a portion of the health care provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. The employer contribution as a percentage of covered payroll deposited in to for Member-Directed Plan for 2017 was 4.0%.

The City's contractually required postemployment health care contributions to OPERS were \$72,742 for 2017. Of this amount, \$7,622 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

**Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund**

*Plan Description* - The City of Athens contributes to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F), sponsored health care program, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined postemployment health care plan administered by OP&F. OP&F provides health care benefits including coverage for medical, prescription drugs, dental, vision, Medicare Part B Premium, and long-term care to retirees, qualifying benefit recipients, and their eligible dependents.

OP&F provides access to post-employment health care coverage to any person who receives or is eligible to receive a monthly service, disability, or statutory survivor benefit, or is a spouse or eligible dependent child of such person. The health care coverage provided by OP&F meets the definition of an Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement 45.

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 are codified in Chapter 742 of the Ohio Revised Code.

OPF issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial information and required supplementary information for the plan. The report may be obtained by writing to OPF, 140 East Town Street, Columbus Ohio 43215-5164. That report is also available on OPF's website at [www.op-f.org](http://www.op-f.org).

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 employers, 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.

OP&F maintains funds for health care in two separate accounts. One for health care benefits under an IRS Code Section 115 trust and one for Medicare Part B reimbursements administrated as an Internal Revenue Code 401(h) account, both of which are within the defined benefit pension plan, under the authority granted by the Ohio Revised Code to the OP&F Board of Trustees.

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**NOTE 15 –POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)**

The Board of Trustees is authorized to allocate a portion of the total employer contributions made into the pension plan to the Section 115 trust and the Section 401(h) account as the employer contribution for retiree health care benefits. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care was 0.5 percent of covered payroll from January 1, 2017 thru December 31, 2017. The amount of employer contributions allocated to the health care plan each year is subject to the Trustees’ primary responsibility to ensure that pension benefits are adequately funded and is limited by the provisions of Sections 115 and 401(h).

The OP&F Board of Trustees also is 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 contributions to OP&F which were allocated to fund post-employment health care benefits for police and firefighters were \$9,255 and \$8,745 for the year ended December 31, 2017, and \$9,374 and \$8,529 for the year ended December 31, 2016, \$8,840 and \$7,938 for the year ended December 31, 2015, respectively. 93.34 percent and 94.70 percent respectively, has been contributed for 2017, while 100 percent has been contributed for 2016 and 2015.

**NOTE 16 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

**Compensated Absences**

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 16, the City accrues a liability for sick leave and vacation when the obligation is attributable to services previously rendered, to rights that vest or accumulate, and where payment of the obligation is probable and can be reasonably determined.

Sick leave accumulates at the rate of .0575 hours of sick leave for each hour of work completed with a maximum of 80 hours per pay period. Upon retirement eligible employees are compensated at a rate of one hour for each four hours of accumulated and unused sick leave, to a maximum of 240 hours. A liability has been recognized in the accompanying financial statements for a portion of the sick leave hours of those employees who have ten years of service and are age 55 or older, or have thirty years with local government employment as well as other employees who are expected to become eligible in the future to receive such payments.

A liability for accrued vacation has been recognized based on the amount of unused vacation hours for each employee. Vacation is accumulated based upon length of service as follows (for full-time non-union employees only):

Employee Service	Vacation Credit
After 1 year	2 weeks
After 8 years	3 weeks
After 15 years	4 weeks
After 25 years	5 weeks

Vacation leave upon separation from the City Service an employee is paid, at their current rate, for up to three years of accrued unused vacation leave.

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**NOTE 17 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft, damage to or destruction of assets, errors and omissions, employee injuries and natural disasters. The City has addressed these various types of risk by participating in a risk-sharing pool and by purchasing comprehensive insurance through a commercial carrier.

General liability insurance is maintained in the amount of \$5,000,000 in the aggregate, which includes \$5,000,000 law enforcement professional liability, \$5,000,000 for public official errors and omissions liability, \$5,000,000 for automobile liability, and \$40,000 for uninsured and \$40,000 for underinsured motorist liability.

In addition, the City maintains replacement cost insurance on buildings and contents in the amount of \$125,298,305. Other property insurance includes the following: \$931,175 for contractor's equipment. Supplemental boiler and machinery coverage is carried in the amount of \$500,000 with business interruption and extra expense/actual loss provisions.

Insurance deductibles on any of the above coverage's do not exceed \$15,000. The City maintains comprehensive insurance coverage for real property, building contents, and vehicles. Vehicle policies include liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage. Real property and contents are 90 percent coinsured. Workers' compensation benefits are provided through the State Bureau of Workers' Compensation. The City pays all public officials' bonds by statute.

The City has not incurred any significant reductions in insurance coverage from coverage in the prior year by major category of risk. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

The City participates in a medical self-insurance plan for employees who cover medical claims and prescription drugs. The medical portion is a limited risk health plan with a third party administrator, Employee Benefits Services (EBS), Inc. that is part of the Medical Mutual of Ohio. The prescription drug coverage is administered by Appro-RX, with the employee paying a co-pay amount, then Appro-RX paying the balance and billing the City. All claims are paid by the third party administrator under policies established by the City. The City pays an administrative fee to EBS to service the claims. All departmental funds contribute to the Medical Internal Service Fund based on fees legislatively set by Council to insure historical and anticipated claims coverage in relation to the number of employees paid from each departmental fund. The medical service fund is presented in the financial statements and reflects all fees paid into the fund and all claims and administrative costs paid out of the fund. The City also carries a specific excess coverage (stop-loss) policy for medical claims in excess of \$110,000 per person and \$3,512,757 in the aggregate. The specific and aggregate excess loss insurance is carried with United States Fire Insurance Company through the third party administrator. The Managing General Underwriter is Certus Management Group.

The City maintains a liability for claims in the Medical Internal Service Fund that is based on actuarial forecasts developed by the third party administrator.

Changes in the fund's claims liability in 2017 and 2016 were as follows:

	Beginning Year Balance	Current Year Claims	Claim Payments	Ending Year Balance
2016	\$314,019	\$3,199,959	\$3,263,047	\$250,931
2017	250,931	3,597,534	3,434,363	414,102

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**NOTE 17 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)**

The City carries a separate coverage for life insurance with a private commercial carrier, CIGNA, for each employee. The amounts of coverage are \$25,000 for life insurance and \$25,000 for AD&D insurance for all employees.

**NOTE 18 - FUND CASH BALANCES**

As of December 31, 2017 fund balances are composed of the following:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>Recreation</u>	<u>All Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<i>Nonspendable:</i>					
Prepaid Items	\$79,203	\$4,366	\$10,976	\$16,300	\$110,845
Materials & Supplies	28,647	115,411	0	0	144,058
Unclaimed Monies	556	0	0	0	556
Loans Receivable	0	0	0	148,388	148,388
<b>Total Nonspendable</b>	<b>108,406</b>	<b>119,777</b>	<b>10,976</b>	<b>164,688</b>	<b>403,847</b>
<i>Restricted:</i>					
Transportation	0	1,158,043	0	208,245	1,366,288
Parks & Recreation	0	0	6,550,572	1,374,083	7,924,655
Capital Projects	0	0	0	2,495,700	2,495,700
Tourism	0	0	0	50,476	50,476
Cable Access	0	0	0	75,103	75,103
Court	0	0	0	485,668	485,668
Community and Econ. Dev.	0	0	0	410,988	410,988
Police	0	0	0	732,243	732,243
Expendable Trust	0	0	0	1,135	1,135
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,158,043</b>	<b>6,550,572</b>	<b>5,833,641</b>	<b>13,542,256</b>
<i>Assigned:</i>					
Future Appropriations	1,274,486	0	0	0	1,274,486
Administration	460,447	0	0	0	460,447
Police	62,560	0	0	0	62,560
Fire	68,810	0	0	0	68,810
Community and Econ. Dev.	17,779	0	0	0	17,779
Transportation	19,732	0	0	0	19,732
<b>Total Assigned</b>	<b>1,903,814</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,903,814</b>
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$2,012,220</b>	<b>\$1,277,820</b>	<b>\$6,561,548</b>	<b>\$5,998,329</b>	<b>\$15,849,917</b>

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**NOTE 19-ENCUMBRANCE COMMITMENTS**

At December 31, 2017, the City had encumbrance commitments in the Governmental Funds as follows:

<u>Major Funds</u>	
General	\$629,328
Street	166,682
Recreation	6,616,827
<u>Nonmajor Funds</u>	
Tourism	1,270
Cable Access	59
Transportation Assistance	146,793
State Highway	50,000
Permissive Wheel Tax	31,124
Clerk Court Computer	680
Diversion Program	667
DUI Court Grant	298
CDBG	60,000
Athens City Enhancement	22,000
APR Income Tax	30,104
Law Enforcement Trust	650
Drug Law Enforcement	1,874
Street Rehabilitation	748,404
Capital Improvements	108,835
Armory/Hudson Street Buildings	718
Total Nonmajor Funds	<u>1,203,476</u>
Total Encumbrances	<u><u>\$8,616,313</u></u>

**NOTE 20 - CONTINGENCIES**

The City is a defendant in several claims and legal proceedings which may be classified as routine litigation in which minimal damages are being sought. The City believes that the ultimate disposition of these claims and legal proceedings will not have a material effect, if any, on the financial condition of the City.

In addition, the City participates in several federal and state assisted grants and programs that are subject to financial and compliance audits by grantor agencies or their representatives. These audits could lead to a request for reimbursement to the grantor agency for expenditures disallowed under the terms of the grant. The City believes that disallowed claims, if any, will not have a material adverse effect on the City's financial condition.

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**City of Athens, Ohio**  
*Required Supplementary Information*  
*Schedule of the City's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability*  
*Ohio Public Employees Retirement System - Traditional Plan*  
*Last Four Years (1)*

	2016	2015	2014	2013
City's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.05249400%	0.05179700%	0.05157900%	0.05157900%
City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$11,920,495	\$8,971,893	\$6,221,004	\$6,080,492
City Covered-Employee Payroll	\$6,846,457	\$6,853,014	\$6,703,729	\$7,178,631
City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	174.11%	130.92%	92.80%	84.70%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	77.25%	81.08%	86.45%	86.36%

(1) Information prior to 2013 is not available.

Amounts presented as of the City's measurement date which is the prior fiscal year.

**City of Athens, Ohio**  
*Required Supplementary Information*  
*Schedule of the City's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability*  
*Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund*  
*Last Four Years (1)*

	2016	2015	2014	2013
<i><u>OP&amp;F - Police</u></i>				
City's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.07799100%	0.07617000%	0.08318220%	0.08318220%
City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$4,939,846	\$4,900,089	\$4,309,185	\$4,051,234
City Covered-Employee Payroll	\$1,874,851	\$1,767,995	\$1,826,733	\$1,799,564
City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	263.48%	277.16%	235.90%	225.12%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	68.36%	66.77%	72.20%	73.00%
<i><u>OP&amp;F - Fire</u></i>				
City's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.08737900%	0.08577600%	0.08681430%	0.08681430%
City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$5,534,497	\$5,518,003	\$4,497,343	\$4,228,129
City Covered-Employee Payroll	\$1,705,783	\$1,587,533	\$1,558,988	\$1,544,429
City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	324.45%	347.58%	288.48%	273.77%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	68.36%	66.77%	72.20%	73.00%

(1) Information prior to 2013 is not available.

Amounts presented as of the City's measurement date which is the prior fiscal year.

**City of Athens, Ohio**  
*Required Supplementary Information*  
*Schedule of City Contributions*  
*Ohio Public Employees Retirement System - Traditional Plan*  
*Last Ten Years*

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	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$945,646	\$958,504	\$959,422	\$938,522
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(945,646)</u>	<u>(958,504)</u>	<u>(959,422)</u>	<u>(938,522)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
City Covered-Employee Payroll	\$7,274,200	\$6,846,457	\$6,853,014	\$6,703,729
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	13.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%

<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
\$933,222	\$945,918	\$905,393	\$895,579	\$878,126	\$799,890
<u>(933,222)</u>	<u>(945,918)</u>	<u>(905,393)</u>	<u>(895,579)</u>	<u>(878,126)</u>	<u>(799,890)</u>
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
\$7,178,631	\$7,276,292	\$6,964,562	\$6,889,069	\$6,754,815	\$6,153,000
13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%

**City of Athens, Ohio**  
*Required Supplementary Information*  
*Schedule of City Contributions*  
*Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund*  
*Last Ten Years*

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<i><u>OP&amp;F - Police</u></i>				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$351,700	\$365,596	\$335,919	\$347,079
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(351,700)</u>	<u>(365,596)</u>	<u>(335,919)</u>	<u>(347,079)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
City Covered-Employee Payroll	\$1,851,051	\$1,874,851	\$1,767,995	\$1,826,733
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	19.00%	19.50%	19.00%	19.00%
<i><u>OP&amp;F - Fire</u></i>				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$411,030	\$409,388	\$373,070	\$366,362
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(411,030)</u>	<u>(409,388)</u>	<u>(373,070)</u>	<u>(366,362)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
City Covered-Employee Payroll	\$1,749,063	\$1,705,783	\$1,587,533	\$1,558,988
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	23.50%	24.00%	23.50%	23.50%

<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
\$299,627	\$213,019	\$232,572	\$246,668	\$232,121	\$222,680
<u>(299,627)</u>	<u>(213,019)</u>	<u>(232,572)</u>	<u>(246,668)</u>	<u>(232,121)</u>	<u>(222,680)</u>
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
\$1,799,564	\$1,670,733	\$1,824,092	\$1,934,651	\$1,820,554	\$1,746,510
16.65%	12.75%	12.75%	12.75%	12.75%	12.75%
\$326,647	\$260,422	\$262,833	\$263,492	\$234,768	\$248,362
<u>(326,647)</u>	<u>(260,422)</u>	<u>(262,833)</u>	<u>(263,492)</u>	<u>(234,768)</u>	<u>(248,362)</u>
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
\$1,544,429	\$1,509,692	\$1,523,667	\$1,527,489	\$1,360,975	\$1,439,779
21.15%	17.25%	17.25%	17.25%	17.25%	17.25%

**CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO**  
 Required Supplementary Information  
 Modified Approach for Infrastructure Assets  
 December 31, 2017

	<b>Value of Streets</b>												
	2017		2016		2015		2014		2013				
	Rating	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Acceptable	9 - 10	\$12,438,466	25.02%	\$12,852,167	26.65%	\$12,630,946	26.52%	\$12,649,176	27.18%	\$15,422,359	33.88%		
Moderately Deficient	7 - 8	17,283,123	34.76%	13,538,069	28.07%	11,846,307	24.88%	11,884,948	25.54%	13,032,822	28.63%		
Marginally Deficient	5 - 6	13,009,335	26.17%	15,225,237	31.57%	16,694,172	35.06%	16,584,495	35.63%	13,618,282	29.92%		
Substantially Deficient	3 - 4	6,987,958	14.05%	6,618,999	13.72%	6,450,813	13.55%	5,424,930	11.66%	3,442,806	7.56%		
Severely Deficient	1 - 2	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%		
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$49,718,882</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$48,234,472</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$47,622,238</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$46,543,549</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$45,516,269</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		

The condition of the City's streets is determined using its Pavement Condition Rating Program. (PCRP). The street condition rating, which is a weighted average of an assessment of the ability of individual components to function structurally, uses a numerical condition scale ranging from 1 (Severely Deficient) to 10 (new). It is the City's policy to keep the value of streets with a condition rating of 1.0 to 2.0 below 5 percent. All streets are inspected every year. The City updated their policy during 2011, to better relate to the City's current ability to perform maintenance and construction work on streets considering the present constraints on the City's financial and work force resources, and the improvement upon the street rating program. The previous years' amounts have been adjusted to the current policy to provide a better comparison in the above table

**Comparison of Budgeted Expenditures vs. Actual Expenditures**

Year	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
	Expenditure	Expenditure	
2017	\$3,821,946	\$3,047,613	\$774,333
2016	3,093,591	2,996,099	97,492
2015	2,713,705	2,602,195	111,510
2014	3,591,988	3,369,152	222,836
2013	3,448,706	3,091,994	356,712

**CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO**

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

Federal Grantor/ Pass-Through Grantor Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Entity Number	Expenditures
<b>UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT</b>			
<i>Passed through the Ohio Development Services Agency</i> Community Development Block Grant Program	14.228	A-F-16-2AE-1	3,700 <u>3,700</u>
<b>Total United States Department of Housing and Urban Development</b>			<b><u>3,700</u></b>
<b>UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE</b>			
<i>Passed through the Ohio Department of Public Safety</i> Violence Against Women Formula Grants	16.588	2016-WF-VA2-8414	51,377
Violence Against Women Formula Grants	16.588	2014-WF-VA2-8414A	<u>8,623</u> 60,000
<b>Total United States Department of Justice</b>			<b><u>60,000</u></b>
<b>UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</b>			
<i>Passed through the Ohio Department of Transportation</i> Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	ODOT PID #94906	204,154
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	ODOT PID #103157	500,000
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	ODOT PID #104183	<u>65,256</u> 769,410
<b>Total United States Department of Transportation</b>			<b><u>769,410</u></b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS</b>			<b><u>\$ 833,110</u></b>

The accompanying Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are an integral part of this Schedule.



**CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO**

**Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017**

**NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the City under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2017. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the City, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the City.

**NOTE B – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following, as applicable, either the cost principles contained in OMB Circular A-87 *Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments* (codified in 2 CFR Part 225), or the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable or may be limited as to reimbursement. The City has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**NOTE C – MATCHING REQUIREMENTS**

Certain Federal programs require the City to contribute non-Federal funds (matching funds) to support the Federally-funded programs. The City has met its matching requirements. The Schedule does not include the expenditure of non-Federal matching funds.



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

June 28, 2018

City of Athens  
Athens County  
8 E. Washington Street  
Athens, Ohio 45701

To the City Council:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the **City of Athens**, Athens County, (the City) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 28, 2018.

***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

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

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the City's financial statements. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Therefore, unidentified material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings that we consider a material weakness. We consider finding 2017-001 to be a material weakness.

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***Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of reasonably assuring whether the City's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

***Entity's Response to Findings***

The City's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of audit findings. We did not audit the City's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

***Purpose of this Report***

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



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

June 28, 2018

City of Athens  
Athens County  
8 E. Washington Street  
Athens, Ohio 45701

To the City Council:

***Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program***

We have audited the **City of Athen's**, (the City) compliance with the applicable requirements described in the *Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the City's major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2017. The City's major federal program is identified in the *Summary of Audit Results* in the accompanying schedule of audit findings.

***Management's Responsibility***

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal program.

***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for the City's major federal program based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the City's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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

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***Opinion on the Major Federal Program***

In our opinion, the City complied, in all material respects with the compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2017.

***Report on Internal Control Over Compliance***

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

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

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

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



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**CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO**  
**Schedule of Audit Findings**  
**2 CFR § 200.515**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2017**

**1. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS**

<i>(d)(1)(i)</i>	<b>Type of Financial Statement Opinion</b>	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	<b>Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	Yes
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	<b>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iii)</i>	<b>Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	<b>Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?</b>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	<b>Were there any other significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?</b>	No
<i>(d)(1)(v)</i>	<b>Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion</b>	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(vi)</i>	<b>Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?</b>	No
<i>(d)(1)(vii)</i>	<b>Major Programs (list):</b>	Highway Planning and Construction CFDA #20.205
<i>(d)(1)(viii)</i>	<b>Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs</b>	Type A: > \$ 750,000 Type B: all others
<i>(d)(1)(ix)</i>	<b>Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR §200.520?</b>	Yes

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

**FINDING NUMBER 2017-001**

**Material Weakness**

**GAAP Reporting**

The City prepares their financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The City over reported contracts payable as of December 31, 2017 in the Recreation Fund. The City also did not report the correct General Fund assigned fund balance classification for the portion of fund balance that was included as a budgetary resource. The financial statements have been updated to reflect these adjustments.

**CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO**  
**Schedule of Audit Findings**  
**2 CFR § 200.515**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2017**

<b>2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS (Continued)</b>
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**FINDING NUMBER 2017-001 (Continued)**

**Material Weakness (Continued)**

**GAAP Reporting (None)**

We recommend the City perform a review of the financial statements as well as a comparison to prior financial statements to ensure variances are reasonable.

**Officials' Response:** Refer to the Corrective Action Plan at the end of this report

<b>3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS</b>
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None

**CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO  
 Corrective Action Plan  
 2 CFR § 200.511(c)  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2017**

<b>Finding Number</b>	<b>Planned Corrective Action</b>	<b>Anticipated Completion Date</b>	<b>Responsible Contact Person</b>
2017-001	We will ensure GAAP reporting is in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the future.	December 31, 2018	Kathy Hecht, City Auditor





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CITY OF ATHENS

ATHENS COUNTY

## CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

*Susan Babbitt*

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED  
AUGUST, 28 2018