

**CITY OF OBERLIN  
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO**

**AUDIT REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR  
ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018**

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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the City of Oberlin, Lorain County, prepared by James G. Zupka, CPA, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. 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 Oberlin is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Keith Faber  
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Columbus, Ohio

July 8, 2019

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Members of City Council  
City of Oberlin  
Oberlin, Ohio

The Honorable Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
State of Ohio

**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 Oberlin, Lorain County, Ohio, (the City) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, 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 the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers 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 for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### ***Opinions***

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 Oberlin as of December 31, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the budgetary comparisons for the General Fund and the Sustainable Reserve Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Emphasis of Matter***

As discussed in Note 2 to the basic financial statements, during 2018, the City adopted new accounting guidance in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. In addition, net position and fund balance were restated due to the release of funds to be used for the Climate Action Plan. We did not modify our opinion regarding these matters.

### ***Other Matters***

#### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and Schedules of Net Pension and Postemployment Benefit Liabilities and Pension and Postemployment Benefit Contributions, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.



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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 18, 2019, on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion 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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James G. Zupka, CPA, Inc.  
Certified Public Accountants

June 18, 2019

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### ***Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended December 31, 2018***

***Unaudited***

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The discussion and analysis of the City of Oberlin's ("the City") financial performance provides an overall review of the City's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the City's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the City's financial performance.

### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

Key financial highlights for 2018 are as follows:

- ❑ In total, net position increased \$37,793. Net position of governmental activities decreased \$244,791 from 2017. Net position of business-type activities increased \$282,584 from 2017.
- ❑ General revenues accounted for \$11.5 million in revenue or 37% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and sales, grants and contributions accounted for 63% of total revenues of \$30.9 million.
- ❑ The City had \$14.2 million in expenses related to governmental activities; only \$2.5 million of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services and sales, grants or contributions. General revenues (primarily taxes) of \$11.5 million were adequate to provide for these programs.
- ❑ Among major funds, the general fund had \$9.7 million in revenues and \$8.6 million in expenditures. The general fund's fund balance, including other financing sources, increased \$496,602 to \$12,900,567.

### **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This annual report consists of two parts – *management's discussion and analysis* and the *basic financial statements*. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the City:

These statements are as follows:

1. *The Government-Wide Financial Statements* – These statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the City's overall financial status.
2. *The Fund Financial Statements* – These statements focus on individual parts of the City, reporting the City's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements.

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### **Government-wide Statements**

The government-wide statements report information about the City as a whole using accepted methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the government's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the City's net position and how they have changed. Net position (the difference between the City's assets plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources) is one way to measure the City's financial health or position.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the City's net position are an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating.
- To assess the overall health of the City, additional nonfinancial factors such as property tax base, current property tax laws, conditions of the City's infrastructure and continued growth within the City need to be considered.

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

- *Governmental Activities* – Most of the City's programs and services are reported here including security of persons and property, public health and welfare services, leisure time activities, community environment, basic utility services, transportation and general government.
- *Business-Type Activities* – These services are provided on a charge for services and sales basis to recover all of the expenses of the goods or services provided. The City's water, sewer, electric, refuse and cable services are reported as business-type activities.

### **Fund Financial Statements**

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

*Governmental Funds* – Most of the City's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the City's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance municipal services programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

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*Proprietary Funds* – Proprietary funds use the same basis of accounting as business-type activities; therefore, these statements will essentially match.

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

### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CITY AS A WHOLE

The following table provides a comparison of net position between 2018 and 2017:

|                                  | Governmental<br>Activities |                     | Business-type<br>Activities |                     | Total               |                     |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                                  | Restated                   |                     | Restated                    |                     | Restated            |                     |
|                                  | 2018                       | 2017                | 2018                        | 2017                | 2018                | 2017                |
| Current and other assets         | \$23,630,714               | \$22,221,939        | \$15,648,468                | \$15,341,750        | \$39,279,182        | \$37,563,689        |
| Capital assets, Net              | 30,455,621                 | 30,657,617          | 23,866,627                  | 23,811,895          | 54,322,248          | 54,469,512          |
| Total assets                     | <u>54,086,335</u>          | <u>52,879,556</u>   | <u>39,515,095</u>           | <u>39,153,645</u>   | <u>93,601,430</u>   | <u>92,033,201</u>   |
| Deferred outflows of resources   | 2,189,596                  | 3,049,433           | 869,574                     | 1,773,162           | 3,059,170           | 4,822,595           |
| Net pension liability            | 7,915,294                  | 10,053,387          | 2,855,200                   | 4,408,730           | 10,770,494          | 14,462,117          |
| Net OPEB liability               | 6,393,459                  | 5,727,490           | 1,941,383                   | 1,839,344           | 8,334,842           | 7,566,834           |
| Other long-term liabilities      | 7,343,178                  | 7,751,054           | 3,368,446                   | 3,585,054           | 10,711,624          | 11,336,108          |
| Other liabilities                | 1,329,671                  | 625,494             | 356,126                     | 398,874             | 1,685,797           | 1,024,368           |
| Total liabilities                | <u>22,981,602</u>          | <u>24,157,425</u>   | <u>8,521,155</u>            | <u>10,232,002</u>   | <u>31,502,757</u>   | <u>34,389,427</u>   |
| Deferred inflows of resources    | 2,849,369                  | 1,081,813           | 1,255,710                   | 369,585             | 4,105,079           | 1,451,398           |
| Net position (deficit):          |                            |                     |                             |                     |                     |                     |
| Net investment in capital assets | 24,206,920                 | 23,922,004          | 20,958,094                  | 20,669,173          | 45,165,014          | 44,591,177          |
| Restricted                       | 3,857,745                  | 3,238,424           | 0                           | 0                   | 3,857,745           | 3,238,424           |
| Unrestricted                     | 2,380,295                  | 3,529,323           | 9,649,710                   | 9,656,047           | 12,030,005          | 13,185,370          |
| Total net position               | <u>\$30,444,960</u>        | <u>\$30,689,751</u> | <u>\$30,607,804</u>         | <u>\$30,325,220</u> | <u>\$61,052,764</u> | <u>\$61,014,971</u> |

The net pension liability (NPL) is reported by the City pursuant to GASB Statement 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement 27." For fiscal year 2018, the City adopted GASB Statement 75, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions," which significantly revises accounting for costs and liabilities related to other postemployment benefits (OPEB). For reasons discussed below, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the City's actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and OPEB, the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability to the reported net position and subtracting deferred outflows related to pension and OPEB.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board standards are national and apply to all government financial reports prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Prior accounting for pensions (GASB 27) and postemployment benefits (GASB 45) focused on a funding approach. This approach limited pension and OPEB costs to contributions annually required by law, which may or may not be sufficient to fully fund each plan's *net pension liability* or *net OPEB liability*.

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GASB 68 and GASB 75 take an earnings approach to pension and OPEB accounting; however, the nature of Ohio's statewide pension/OPEB plans and state law governing those systems requires additional explanation in order to properly understand the information presented in these statements.

GASB 68 and GASB 75 require the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability to equal the City's proportionate share of each plan's collective:

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

GASB notes that pension and OPEB 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 and other postemployment benefits. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this 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 these liabilities. 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 Ohio revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

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 retirement system. In Ohio, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension/OPEB plan *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 retirement system is responsible for the administration of the pension and OPEB plans.

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 or the net OPEB liability. As explained above, changes in benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of these liabilities, 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 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 and the net OPEB liability are satisfied, these liabilities are separately identified within the long-term liability section of the statement of net position.

In accordance with GASB 68 and GASB 75, the City's statements prepared on an accrual basis of accounting include an annual pension expense and an annual OPEB expense for their proportionate share of each plan's *change* in net pension liability and net OPEB liability, respectively, not accounted for as deferred inflows/outflows. As a result of implementing GASB 75, the City is reporting a net OPEB liability and deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to OPEB on the accrual basis of accounting. This implementation also had the effect of restating net position at December 31, 2017 from \$33,579,021 to \$30,689,751 for Governmental Activities and from \$34,939,534 to \$30,325,220 for Business-Type Activities

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The restated net position was also affected by the establishment of the Sustainable Reserve Fund. See Note 2 for more details related to the restatement of net position.

Changes in Net position – The following table shows the changes in net position for the fiscal year 2018 and 2017:

|  | Governmental<br>Activities |                     | Business-type<br>Activities |                     | Total               |                     |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|  | 2018                       | 2017                | 2018                        | 2017                | 2018                | 2017                |
| Revenues   |                            |                     |                             |                     |                     |                     |
| Program revenues:  |                            |                     |                             |                     |                     |                     |
| Charges for Services and Sales                                 | 1,714,786                  | \$1,588,115         | \$16,937,070                | \$15,398,797        | \$18,651,856        | \$16,986,912        |
| Operating Grants and Contributions                             | 256,262                    | 245,207             | 0                           | 0                   | 256,262             | 245,207             |
| Capital Grants and Contributions                               | 529,069                    | 241,155             | 0                           | 0                   | 529,069             | 241,155             |
| General revenues:  |                            |                     |                             |                     |                     |                     |
| Property Taxes   | 840,470                    | 799,455             | 360,502                     | 346,740             | 1,200,972           | 1,146,195           |
| Municipal Income Taxes   | 7,816,369                  | 8,273,083           | 0                           | 0                   | 7,816,369           | 8,273,083           |
| Grants and Entitlements not<br>Restricted to Specific Programs | 704,228                    | 743,266             | 0                           | 0                   | 704,228             | 743,266             |
| Investment Earnings  | 522,920                    | 288,105             | 0                           | 0                   | 522,920             | 288,105             |
| Miscellaneous  | 1,262,534                  | 1,032,386           | 0                           | 0                   | 1,262,534           | 1,032,386           |
| Total revenues   | <u>13,646,638</u>          | <u>13,210,772</u>   | <u>17,297,572</u>           | <u>15,745,537</u>   | <u>30,944,210</u>   | <u>28,956,309</u>   |
| Program Expenses   |                            |                     |                             |                     |                     |                     |
| Security of Persons and Property                               | 4,691,997                  | 4,393,898           | 0                           | 0                   | 4,691,997           | 4,393,898           |
| Public Health and Welfare Services                             | 187,751                    | 172,847             | 0                           | 0                   | 187,751             | 172,847             |
| Leisure Time Activities  | 706,829                    | 767,449             | 0                           | 0                   | 706,829             | 767,449             |
| Community Environment  | 534,971                    | 520,369             | 0                           | 0                   | 534,971             | 520,369             |
| Basic Utility Services   | 389,142                    | 388,893             | 0                           | 0                   | 389,142             | 388,893             |
| Transportation   | 3,275,616                  | 2,969,640           | 0                           | 0                   | 3,275,616           | 2,969,640           |
| General Government   | 4,220,065                  | 4,249,125           | 0                           | 0                   | 4,220,065           | 4,249,125           |
| Interest and Fiscal Charges                                    | 175,841                    | 188,589             | 0                           | 0                   | 175,841             | 188,589             |
| Cable  | 0                          | 0                   | 11,262                      | 17,603              | 11,262              | 17,603              |
| Water  | 0                          | 0                   | 2,107,767                   | 2,276,260           | 2,107,767           | 2,276,260           |
| Sewer  | 0                          | 0                   | 1,891,711                   | 1,842,970           | 1,891,711           | 1,842,970           |
| Refuse   | 0                          | 0                   | 829,322                     | 821,119             | 829,322             | 821,119             |
| Electric   | 0                          | 0                   | 11,884,143                  | 10,578,103          | 11,884,143          | 10,578,103          |
| Total expenses   | <u>14,182,212</u>          | <u>13,650,810</u>   | <u>16,724,205</u>           | <u>15,536,055</u>   | <u>30,906,417</u>   | <u>29,186,865</u>   |
| Excess (deficiency) before<br>Transfers                        | (535,574)                  | (440,038)           | 573,367                     | 209,482             | 37,793              | (230,556)           |
| Transfers In (Out)   | <u>290,783</u>             | <u>283,214</u>      | <u>(290,783)</u>            | <u>(283,214)</u>    | <u>0</u>            | <u>0</u>            |
| Total Change in Net Position                                   | (244,791)                  | (156,824)           | 282,584                     | (73,732)            | 37,793              | (230,556)           |
| Beginning Net Position, Restated                               | <u>30,689,751</u>          | N/A                 | <u>30,325,220</u>           | N/A                 | <u>61,014,971</u>   | N/A                 |
| Ending Net Position  | <u>\$30,444,960</u>        | <u>\$30,689,751</u> | <u>\$30,607,804</u>         | <u>\$30,325,220</u> | <u>\$61,052,764</u> | <u>\$61,014,971</u> |

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### ***Governmental Activities***

The information necessary to restate the 2017 beginning balances and the 2017 OPEB expense amounts for the effects of the initial implementation of GASB 75 is not available. Therefore, 2017 functional expenses still include OPEB expense of \$38,220 for Governmental Activities and \$25,030 for Business-type Activities computed under GASB 45. GASB 45 required recognizing OPEB expense equal to the contractually required contributions to the plan. Under GASB 75, OPEB expense represents additional amounts earned, adjusted by deferred inflows/outflows.

The contractually required contribution is no longer a component of OPEB expense. Under GASB 75, the 2018 statements report OPEB expense of \$476,998 for Governmental Activities and \$151,582 for Business-type Activities.

Consequently, in order to compare 2018 total program expenses to 2017, the following adjustments are needed:

|  | <u>Governmental<br/>Activities</u> | <u>Business-type<br/>Activities</u> |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Total 2018 program expenses under GASB 75      | \$14,182,212                       | \$16,724,205                        |
| OPEB expense under GASB 75                     | (476,998)                          | (151,582)                           |
| 2018 contractually required contribution       | 8,307                              | 0                                   |
| Adjusted 2018 program expenses                 | <u>13,713,521</u>                  | <u>16,572,623</u>                   |
| Total 2017 program expenses under GASB 45      | <u>13,650,810</u>                  | <u>15,536,055</u>                   |
| Change in program expenses not related to OPEB | <u>\$62,711</u>                    | <u>\$1,036,568</u>                  |

Net position of the City's governmental activities had a decrease of \$244,791. Much of this decrease can be attributed to the increase in general operating expenditures. Overall, revenues increased by 3% compared to 2017. The increase in Transportation expenses is mostly related to fewer items being capitalized during 2018 and the Security of Persons and Property increase is mostly related to an increase in net OPEB liability.



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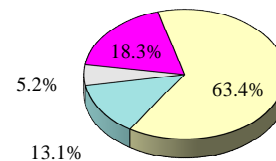
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The City also receives a municipal income tax, which is based on 2.5% of all salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation earned from residents living within the City and from nonresidents for work done or services performed or rendered in the City.

Property taxes and municipal income taxes made up 6% and 57%, respectively, of revenues for governmental activities for the City in fiscal year 2018. The City's reliance upon tax revenues is demonstrated by the following graph indicating 63% of total revenues from general tax revenues:

| Revenue Sources  | 2018                | Percent<br>of Total |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Grants and Entitlements not<br>Restricted to Specific Programs | \$704,228           | 5.2%                |
| Program Revenues   | 2,500,117           | 18.3%               |
| General Tax Revenues   | 8,656,839           | 63.4%               |
| General Other  | 1,785,454           | 13.1%               |
| Total Revenue  | <u>\$13,646,638</u> | <u>100.00%</u>      |



### **Business-Type Activities**

Net position of the business-type activities increased by \$282,584. The change is predominantly due to the increase in electric fund revenues related to renewable energy credits. In addition to overall expenditure increases in the enterprise funds due to the increased cost of purchased power and other ordinary operational variations. User rates in the enterprise funds, other than electric, are evaluated annually by management according to rate formulas approved by the legislative body. Changes to user rates are made annually when necessary to keep pace with increased operational and capital costs. The generation component of the electric rates is adjusted monthly to reflect changes in fuel and other variable costs. Periodic rate studies are used to adjust the remaining components of the electric rates. A recent electric rate study changed rates effective January 1, 2019.

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### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CITY'S FUNDS

The City's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$21,342,506, which is an increase from last year's balance of \$20,861,821. The schedule below indicates the fund balance and the total change in fund balance by fund type as of December 31, 2018 and 2017:

|                     | Fund Balance<br>December 31, 2018 | Restated<br>Fund Balance<br>December 31, 2017 | Increase<br>(Decrease) |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| General             | \$12,900,567                      | \$12,403,965                                  | \$496,602              |
| Sustainable Reserve | 2,800,000                         | 2,800,000                                     | 0                      |
| Income Tax          | 2,001,979                         | 2,016,738                                     | (14,759)               |
| Other Governmental  | 3,639,960                         | 3,641,118                                     | (1,158)                |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>\$21,342,506</b>               | <b>\$20,861,821</b>                           | <b>\$480,685</b>       |

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

|                           | 2018<br>Revenues   | 2017<br>Revenues   | Increase<br>(Decrease) |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Taxes                     | \$6,158,585        | \$6,456,461        | (\$297,876)            |
| Intergovernmental Revenue | 761,729            | 751,751            | 9,978                  |
| Charges for Services      | 256,090            | 210,366            | 45,724                 |
| Licenses and Permits      | 265,615            | 322,084            | (56,469)               |
| Investment Earnings       | 526,775            | 226,511            | 300,264                |
| Special Assessments       | 1,707              | 1,076              | 631                    |
| Fines and Forfeitures     | 744,722            | 687,412            | 57,310                 |
| All Other Revenue         | 932,479            | 950,616            | (18,137)               |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>\$9,647,702</b> | <b>\$9,606,277</b> | <b>\$41,425</b>        |

General Fund revenues in 2018 increased by \$41,425 or less than 1% compared to revenues in fiscal year 2017. The largest increase took place in investment earnings. Much of this can be attributed to an improvement in the economy which led to a higher return on investments.

|                                    | 2018<br>Expenditures | 2017<br>Expenditures | Increase<br>(Decrease) |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Security of Persons and Property   | \$3,498,947          | \$3,306,839          | \$192,108              |
| Public Health and Welfare Services | 151,852              | 132,009              | 19,843                 |
| Leisure Time Activities            | 555,599              | 464,978              | 90,621                 |
| Community Environment              | 453,438              | 478,348              | (24,910)               |
| Transportation                     | 215,139              | 211,818              | 3,321                  |
| General Government                 | 3,727,194            | 3,597,994            | 129,200                |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>\$8,602,169</b>   | <b>\$8,191,986</b>   | <b>\$410,183</b>       |

General Fund expenditures increased by \$410,183 compared to the prior year mostly due to across the board increases in payroll, additional full-time employees in the police department, to get to full staffing, and additional part-time staff in our recreation department.

For the Income Tax Fund, the fund balance decrease of \$14,759 is related to ordinary annual fluctuations in capital expenditures.

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

During the course of fiscal year 2018, the City amended its General Fund budget several times, to adjust for various appropriations.

For the General Fund, final budget basis revenue of \$8.9 million, not including other financing sources, did not change from the original budget. The General Fund had an adequate fund balance to cover expenditures.

### CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

#### Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal 2018, the City had \$54,322,248 net of accumulated depreciation invested in land, improvements other than buildings, infrastructure, buildings, machinery and equipment and construction in progress. Of this total, \$30,455,621 was related to governmental activities and \$23,866,627 to the business-type activities. The following table shows fiscal year 2018 and 2017 balances:

|                                   | Governmental<br>Activities |              | Increase<br>(Decrease) |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
|                                   | 2018                       | 2017         |                        |
|                                   | Land                       | \$2,250,264  | \$2,250,264            |
| Construction in Progress          | 1,145,270                  | 748,254      | 397,016                |
| Buildings                         | 13,204,885                 | 13,204,885   | 0                      |
| Improvements Other Than Buildings | 920,041                    | 920,041      | 0                      |
| Machinery and Equipment           | 7,178,489                  | 6,688,899    | 489,590                |
| Infrastructure                    | 39,439,708                 | 38,973,649   | 466,059                |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation    | (33,683,036)               | (32,128,375) | (1,554,661)            |
| Totals                            | \$30,455,621               | \$30,657,617 | (\$201,996)            |

|                                   | Business-Type<br>Activities |              | Increase<br>(Decrease) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
|                                   | 2018                        | 2017         |                        |
|                                   | Land                        | \$666,812    | \$666,812              |
| Construction in Progress          | 381,754                     | 565,686      | (183,932)              |
| Buildings                         | 8,419,583                   | 8,419,583    | 0                      |
| Infrastructure                    | 14,808,569                  | 14,306,377   | 502,192                |
| Improvements Other Than Buildings | 2,863,087                   | 2,129,756    | 733,331                |
| Machinery and Equipment           | 22,600,296                  | 22,162,032   | 438,264                |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation    | (25,873,474)                | (24,438,351) | (1,435,123)            |
| Totals                            | \$23,866,627                | \$23,811,895 | \$54,732               |

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The governmental and business-type activities decrease/increase in capital assets was mostly related to the annual depreciation expense and annual budgeted capital improvements. Additional information on the City's capital assets can be found in Note 11.

### ***Debt***

At December 31, 2018, the City had \$5.7 million in bonds outstanding, with \$435,000 being due within one year. The following table summarizes the City's long-term obligations outstanding as of December 31, 2018 and 2017:

|                                | 2018                | Restated<br>2017    |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                                | <u>2018</u>         | <u>2017</u>         |
| Governmental Activities:       |                     |                     |
| General Obligation Bonds       | \$5,754,885         | \$6,224,872         |
| OPWC Loans Payable             | 549,980             | 573,145             |
| Net Pension Liability          | 7,915,294           | 10,053,387          |
| Net OPEB Liability             | 6,393,459           | 5,727,490           |
| Compensated Absences           | 1,038,313           | 953,037             |
| Total Governmental Activities  | <u>21,651,931</u>   | <u>23,531,931</u>   |
| Business-Type Activities:      |                     |                     |
| OWDA Loans Payable             | \$2,908,533         | \$3,142,722         |
| Payable to Joint Venture       | 0                   | 2,188               |
| Net Pension Liability          | 2,855,200           | 4,408,730           |
| Net OPEB Liability             | 1,941,383           | 1,839,344           |
| Compensated Absences           | 459,913             | 440,144             |
| Total Business-Type Activities | <u>8,165,029</u>    | <u>9,833,128</u>    |
| Totals                         | <u>\$29,816,960</u> | <u>\$33,365,059</u> |

State statutes limit the amount of unvoted general obligation debt the City may issue. The aggregate amount of the City's unvoted debt is also subject to overlapping debt restrictions with other political subdivisions. The actual aggregate amount of the City's unvoted debt, when added to that of other political subdivisions within the County, is limited to ten mills. At December 31, 2018, the City's outstanding debt was below the legal limit. Additional information on the City's long-term debt can be found in Note 15.

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### **ECONOMIC FACTORS**

The City's original budget for 2018 utilized conservative revenue estimates with increases in base operating costs. Expenditures were *projected* to exceed revenues in some of the funds, including the General Fund. City Council decided they wanted to maintain current service levels to the residents of the City by utilizing reserve fund balances. Original General Fund revenues were projected to be 1.6% less than the actual receipts for 2017. This was due primarily to conservative based budgeting.

General Fund expenditures were originally budgeted at 15% more than 2017 actual expenditures. Actual expenditures were less than anticipated largely due to conservative budget practices.

City Council continues to pursue securing existing, and establishing new, revenue sources, while also focusing on reducing expenditures and continuing the community's commitment towards environmental sustainability. City Council continues to maintain the fiscal stability of the City by utilizing a conservative approach towards budgeting and keeping a close watch on economic conditions.

### **REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the City's finances and to show the City's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact the Finance Director, Sal Talarico, by calling 440-775-7210 or writing to City of Oberlin Finance Department, 69 South Main Street, Oberlin, Ohio 44074.

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**Statement of Net Position**  
**December 31, 2018**

|   | <b>Governmental<br/>Activities</b> | <b>Business-Type<br/>Activities</b> | <b>Total</b>      |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Assets:</b>                              |                                    |                                     |                   |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents                   | \$ 2,604,289                       | \$ 692,684                          | \$ 3,296,973      |
| Investments                                 | 17,409,370                         | 11,593,673                          | 29,003,043        |
| Receivables:                                |                                    |                                     |                   |
| Taxes                                       | 3,085,388                          | 359,797                             | 3,445,185         |
| Accounts                                    | 63,844                             | 1,326,086                           | 1,389,930         |
| Intergovernmental                           | 710,309                            | 17,921                              | 728,230           |
| Interest                                    | 198,494                            | 0                                   | 198,494           |
| Special Assessments                         | 45,336                             | 0                                   | 45,336            |
| Loans                                       | 243,237                            | 0                                   | 243,237           |
| Internal Balances                           | (859,359)                          | 859,359                             | 0                 |
| Inventory of Supplies at Cost               | 60,697                             | 436,562                             | 497,259           |
| Prepaid Items                               | 69,109                             | 43,178                              | 112,287           |
| Capital Assets:                             |                                    |                                     |                   |
| Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated        | 3,395,534                          | 1,048,566                           | 4,444,100         |
| Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net       | 27,060,087                         | 22,818,061                          | 49,878,148        |
| Investment in Joint Venture                 | 0                                  | 319,208                             | 319,208           |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                         | <b>54,086,335</b>                  | <b>39,515,095</b>                   | <b>93,601,430</b> |
| <b>Deferred Outflows of Resources:</b>      |                                    |                                     |                   |
| Deferred Loss on Debt Refunding             | 56,164                             | 0                                   | 56,164            |
| Pension                                     | 1,548,118                          | 726,708                             | 2,274,826         |
| OPEB  | 585,314                            | 142,866                             | 728,180           |
| <b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b> | <b>2,189,596</b>                   | <b>869,574</b>                      | <b>3,059,170</b>  |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                         |                                    |                                     |                   |
| Accounts Payable                            | 952,019                            | 225,570                             | 1,177,589         |
| Accrued Wages and Benefits                  | 231,951                            | 130,556                             | 362,507           |
| Due to Others                               | 131,988                            | 0                                   | 131,988           |
| Accrued Interest Payable                    | 13,713                             | 0                                   | 13,713            |
| Long-Term Liabilities:                      |                                    |                                     |                   |
| Due Within One Year                         | 827,403                            | 414,042                             | 1,241,445         |
| Net Pension Liability                       | 7,915,294                          | 2,855,200                           | 10,770,494        |
| Net OPEB Liability                          | 6,393,459                          | 1,941,383                           | 8,334,842         |
| Due in More Than One Year                   | 6,515,775                          | 2,954,404                           | 9,470,179         |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                    | <b>22,981,602</b>                  | <b>8,521,155</b>                    | <b>31,502,757</b> |

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|  | <u>Governmental<br/>Activities</u> | <u>Business-Type<br/>Activities</u> | <u>Total</u>         |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</b>  |                                    |                                     |                      |
| Property Tax Levy for Next Fiscal Year | 1,045,847                          | 344,455                             | 1,390,302            |
| Pension                                | 1,377,117                          | 743,876                             | 2,120,993            |
| OPEB                                   | 426,405                            | 167,379                             | 593,784              |
| Total Deferred Inflows of Resources    | <u>2,849,369</u>                   | <u>1,255,710</u>                    | <u>4,105,079</u>     |
| <b>Net Position:</b>                   |                                    |                                     |                      |
| Net Investment in Capital Assets       | 24,206,920                         | 20,958,094                          | 45,165,014           |
| Restricted For:                        |                                    |                                     |                      |
| Capital Projects                       | 1,702,596                          | 0                                   | 1,702,596            |
| Debt Service                           | 261,777                            | 0                                   | 261,777              |
| Other Purposes                         | 1,893,372                          | 0                                   | 1,893,372            |
| Unrestricted                           | <u>2,380,295</u>                   | <u>9,649,710</u>                    | <u>12,030,005</u>    |
| <b>Total Net Position</b>              | <u>\$ 30,444,960</u>               | <u>\$ 30,607,804</u>                | <u>\$ 61,052,764</u> |

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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### *Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2018*

|                                       | Expenses             | Program Revenues                     |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
|                                       |                      | Charges for<br>Services and<br>Sales | Operating<br>Grants and<br>Contributions | Capital Grants<br>and<br>Contributions |
| <b>Governmental Activities:</b>       |                      |                                      |  |  |
| Current:                              |                      |                                      |  |  |
| Security of Persons and Property      | \$ 4,691,997         | \$ 63,852                            | \$ 0                                     | \$ 3,003                               |
| Public Health and Welfare Services    | 187,751              | 36,225                               | 0  | 0                                      |
| Leisure Time Activities               | 706,829              | 26,379                               | 0  | 597                                    |
| Community Environment                 | 534,971              | 226,383                              | 0  | 0                                      |
| Basic Utility Services                | 389,142              | 564                                  | 16,336                                   | 0                                      |
| Transportation                        | 3,275,616            | 73,049                               | 239,926                                  | 525,469                                |
| General Government                    | 4,220,065            | 1,288,334                            | 0  | 0                                      |
| Interest and Fiscal Charges           | 175,841              | 0                                    | 0  | 0                                      |
| <b>Total Governmental Activities</b>  | <b>14,182,212</b>    | <b>1,714,786</b>                     | <b>256,262</b>                           | <b>529,069</b>                         |
| <b>Business-Type Activities:</b>      |                      |                                      |  |  |
| Cable                                 | 11,262               | 35,074                               | 0  | 0                                      |
| Water                                 | 2,107,767            | 1,993,565                            | 0  | 0                                      |
| Sewer                                 | 1,891,711            | 1,763,279                            | 0  | 0                                      |
| Refuse                                | 829,322              | 721,468                              | 0  | 0                                      |
| Electric                              | 11,884,143           | 12,423,684                           | 0  | 0                                      |
| <b>Total Business-Type Activities</b> | <b>16,724,205</b>    | <b>16,937,070</b>                    | <b>0</b>                                 | <b>0</b>                               |
| <b>Totals</b>                         | <b>\$ 30,906,417</b> | <b>\$ 18,651,856</b>                 | <b>\$ 256,262</b>                        | <b>\$ 529,069</b>                      |

#### **General Revenues**

Property Taxes

Municipal Income Taxes

Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs

Investment Earnings

Miscellaneous

Transfers

Total General Revenues and Transfers

Change in Net Position

Net Position Beginning of Year, as Restated

Net Position End of Year

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Net (Expense) Revenue  
and Changes in Net Position

| Governmental<br>Activities | Business-Type<br>Activities | Total                |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| \$ (4,625,142)             | \$ 0                        | \$ (4,625,142)       |
| (151,526)                  | 0                           | (151,526)            |
| (679,853)                  | 0                           | (679,853)            |
| (308,588)                  | 0                           | (308,588)            |
| (372,242)                  | 0                           | (372,242)            |
| (2,437,172)                | 0                           | (2,437,172)          |
| (2,931,731)                | 0                           | (2,931,731)          |
| (175,841)                  | 0                           | (175,841)            |
| <u>(11,682,095)</u>        | <u>0</u>                    | <u>(11,682,095)</u>  |
| 0                          | 23,812                      | 23,812               |
| 0                          | (114,202)                   | (114,202)            |
| 0                          | (128,432)                   | (128,432)            |
| 0                          | (107,854)                   | (107,854)            |
| 0                          | 539,541                     | 539,541              |
| <u>0</u>                   | <u>212,865</u>              | <u>212,865</u>       |
| <u>(11,682,095)</u>        | <u>212,865</u>              | <u>(11,469,230)</u>  |
| 840,470                    | 360,502                     | 1,200,972            |
| 7,816,369                  | 0                           | 7,816,369            |
| 704,228                    | 0                           | 704,228              |
| 522,920                    | 0                           | 522,920              |
| 1,262,534                  | 0                           | 1,262,534            |
| 290,783                    | (290,783)                   | 0                    |
| <u>11,437,304</u>          | <u>69,719</u>               | <u>11,507,023</u>    |
| (244,791)                  | 282,584                     | 37,793               |
| <u>30,689,751</u>          | <u>30,325,220</u>           | <u>61,014,971</u>    |
| <u>\$ 30,444,960</u>       | <u>\$ 30,607,804</u>        | <u>\$ 61,052,764</u> |

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**Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
December 31, 2018**

|   | General              | Sustainable<br>Reserve | Income Tax          | Other<br>Governmental<br>Funds | Total<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|---|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Assets:</b>  |                      |                        |                     |                                |                                |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents   | \$ 654,162           | \$ 0                   | \$ 89,900           | \$ 1,581,297                   | \$ 2,325,359                   |
| Investments   | 10,407,057           | 2,800,000              | 1,848,073           | 2,354,240                      | 17,409,370                     |
| Receivables:  |                      |                        |                     |                                |                                |
| Taxes   | 1,996,062            | 0                      | 561,056             | 528,270                        | 3,085,388                      |
| Accounts  | 56,548               | 0                      | 0                   | 7,296                          | 63,844                         |
| Intergovernmental   | 200,998              | 0                      | 0                   | 509,311                        | 710,309                        |
| Interest  | 198,494              | 0                      | 0                   | 0                              | 198,494                        |
| Special Assessments   | 0                    | 0                      | 0                   | 45,336                         | 45,336                         |
| Loans   | 0                    | 0                      | 0                   | 243,237                        | 243,237                        |
| Interfund Loans Receivables   | 442,385              | 0                      | 0                   | 0                              | 442,385                        |
| Inventory of Supplies, at Cost  | 7,014                | 0                      | 0                   | 53,683                         | 60,697                         |
| Prepaid Items   | 63,846               | 0                      | 0                   | 0                              | 63,846                         |
| <b>Total Assets</b>   | <b>\$ 14,026,566</b> | <b>\$ 2,800,000</b>    | <b>\$ 2,499,029</b> | <b>\$ 5,322,670</b>            | <b>\$ 24,648,265</b>           |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>   |                      |                        |                     |                                |                                |
| Accounts Payable  | 52,408               | 0                      | 497,050             | 384,724                        | 934,182                        |
| Accrued Wages and Benefits Payable  | 180,942              | 0                      | 0                   | 44,579                         | 225,521                        |
| Due to Others   | 0                    | 0                      | 0                   | 131,988                        | 131,988                        |
| Interfund Loans Payable   | 0                    | 0                      | 0                   | 201,610                        | 201,610                        |
| Compensated Absences Payable  | 16,870               | 0                      | 0                   | 0                              | 16,870                         |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>  | <b>250,220</b>       | <b>0</b>               | <b>497,050</b>      | <b>762,901</b>                 | <b>1,510,171</b>               |
| <b>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</b>   |                      |                        |                     |                                |                                |
| Unavailable Amounts   | 343,370              | 0                      | 0                   | 406,371                        | 749,741                        |
| Property Tax for Next Fiscal Year   | 532,409              | 0                      | 0                   | 513,438                        | 1,045,847                      |
| <b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>                                    | <b>875,779</b>       | <b>0</b>               | <b>0</b>            | <b>919,809</b>                 | <b>1,795,588</b>               |
| <b>Fund Balances:</b>   |                      |                        |                     |                                |                                |
| Nonspendable  | 70,860               | 0                      | 0                   | 80,942                         | 151,802                        |
| Restricted  | 0                    | 0                      | 0                   | 3,141,779                      | 3,141,779                      |
| Committed   | 271,330              | 2,800,000              | 2,001,979           | 527,266                        | 5,600,575                      |
| Assigned  | 1,184,474            | 0                      | 0                   | 100,822                        | 1,285,296                      |
| Unassigned  | 11,373,903           | 0                      | 0                   | (210,849)                      | 11,163,054                     |
| <b>Total Fund Balances</b>  | <b>12,900,567</b>    | <b>2,800,000</b>       | <b>2,001,979</b>    | <b>3,639,960</b>               | <b>21,342,506</b>              |
| <b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows<br/>of Resources and Fund Balances</b> | <b>\$ 14,026,566</b> | <b>\$ 2,800,000</b>    | <b>\$ 2,499,029</b> | <b>\$ 5,322,670</b>            | <b>\$ 24,648,265</b>           |

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### ***Reconciliation Of Total Governmental Fund Balances To Net Position Of Governmental Activities December 31, 2018***

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|  |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
| <b>Total Governmental Fund Balances</b>  | \$ 21,342,506                      |
| <i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because</i>   |                                    |
| Capital Assets used in governmental activities are not resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.  | 27,448,127                         |
| Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are unavailable revenues in the funds.   |                                    |
| Delinquent Property Taxes  | 38,487                             |
| Charges for Services   | 243,236                            |
| Interest Revenues  | 183,846                            |
| Special Assessments  | 45,336                             |
| Intergovernmental  | 238,836                            |
|  | <u>749,741</u>                     |
| The net pension/OPEB liability is not due and payable in the current period; therefore, the liability and related deferred inflows/outflows are not reported in governmental funds:  |                                    |
| Deferred Outflows - Pension  | 1,517,533                          |
| Deferred Inflows - Pension   | (1,345,737)                        |
| Deferred Outflows - OPEB   | 579,287                            |
| Deferred Inflows - OPEB  | (419,344)                          |
| Net Pension Liability  | (7,794,853)                        |
| Net OPEB Liability   | (6,311,565)                        |
|  | <u>(13,774,679)</u>                |
| Accrued interest on outstanding debt is not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, is not reported in the funds, it is reported when due.   | (13,713)                           |
| Internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of servicing vehicles and purchasing office supplies to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service funds are included in governmental activities in the statement of net position. | 1,939,659                          |
| 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 Payable   | (5,710,000)                        |
| Ohio Public Works Commission Loan Payable  | (549,980)                          |
| Premium on General Obligation Bonds Payable  | (44,885)                           |
| Deferred Loss on Debt Refunding  | 56,164                             |
| Compensated Absences Payable   | (997,980)                          |
|  | <u>(7,246,681)</u>                 |
| <b><i>Net Position of Governmental Activities</i></b>  | <b><u><u>\$ 30,444,960</u></u></b> |

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## CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO

### Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

|  | General              | Sustainable<br>Reserve | Income Tax          | Other<br>Governmental<br>Funds | Total<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|--|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Revenues:</b>                                       |                      |                        |                     |                                |                                |
| Property Taxes   | \$ 533,866           | \$ 0                   | \$ 0                | \$ 326,442                     | \$ 860,308                     |
| Municipal Income Tax                                   | 5,624,719            | 0                      | 2,191,650           | 0                              | 7,816,369                      |
| Intergovernmental Revenues                             | 761,729              | 0                      | 3,003               | 682,641                        | 1,447,373                      |
| Charges for Services                                   | 256,090              | 0                      | 0                   | 8,510                          | 264,600                        |
| Licenses and Permits                                   | 265,615              | 0                      | 0                   | 0                              | 265,615                        |
| Investment Earnings                                    | 526,775              | 0                      | 0                   | 2,950                          | 529,725                        |
| Special Assessments                                    | 1,707                | 0                      | 0                   | 50,102                         | 51,809                         |
| Fines and Forfeitures                                  | 744,722              | 0                      | 0                   | 94,707                         | 839,429                        |
| All Other Revenue                                      | 932,479              | 0                      | 286,647             | 323,302                        | 1,542,428                      |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                                  | <b>9,647,702</b>     | <b>0</b>               | <b>2,481,300</b>    | <b>1,488,654</b>               | <b>13,617,656</b>              |
| <b>Expenditures:</b>                                   |                      |                        |                     |                                |                                |
| Current:   |                      |                        |                     |                                |                                |
| Security of Persons and Property                       | 3,498,947            | 0                      | 0                   | 347,188                        | 3,846,135                      |
| Public Health and Welfare Services                     | 151,852              | 0                      | 0                   | 6,881                          | 158,733                        |
| Leisure Time Activities                                | 555,599              | 0                      | 0                   | 0                              | 555,599                        |
| Community Environment                                  | 453,438              | 0                      | 0                   | 48,208                         | 501,646                        |
| Basic Utility Services                                 | 0                    | 0                      | 0                   | 313,921                        | 313,921                        |
| Transportation   | 215,139              | 0                      | 0                   | 531,741                        | 746,880                        |
| General Government                                     | 3,727,194            | 0                      | 0                   | 53,301                         | 3,780,495                      |
| Capital Outlay   | 0                    | 0                      | 1,585,335           | 1,285,981                      | 2,871,316                      |
| Debt Service:  |                      |                        |                     |                                |                                |
| Principal Retirement                                   | 0                    | 0                      | 0                   | 512,022                        | 512,022                        |
| Interest & Fiscal Charges                              | 0                    | 0                      | 0                   | 175,500                        | 175,500                        |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>                              | <b>8,602,169</b>     | <b>0</b>               | <b>1,585,335</b>    | <b>3,274,743</b>               | <b>13,462,247</b>              |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues<br>Over Expenditures   | 1,045,533            | 0                      | 895,965             | (1,786,089)                    | 155,409                        |
| <b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>                 |                      |                        |                     |                                |                                |
| Sale of Capital Assets                                 | 2,937                | 0                      | 0                   | 0                              | 2,937                          |
| OPWC Loans Issued                                      | 0                    | 0                      | 0                   | 23,857                         | 23,857                         |
| Transfers In   | 500                  | 0                      | 0                   | 1,846,863                      | 1,847,363                      |
| Transfers Out  | (553,300)            | 0                      | (910,724)           | (89,556)                       | (1,553,580)                    |
| <b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>            | <b>(549,863)</b>     | <b>0</b>               | <b>(910,724)</b>    | <b>1,781,164</b>               | <b>320,577</b>                 |
| Net Change in Fund Balances                            | 495,670              | 0                      | (14,759)            | (4,925)                        | 475,986                        |
| <b>Fund Balances at Beginning of Year, as Restated</b> | <b>12,403,965</b>    | <b>2,800,000</b>       | <b>2,016,738</b>    | <b>3,641,118</b>               | <b>20,861,821</b>              |
| Increase in Inventory Reserve                          | 932                  | 0                      | 0                   | 3,767                          | 4,699                          |
| <b>Fund Balances at End of Year</b>                    | <b>\$ 12,900,567</b> | <b>\$ 2,800,000</b>    | <b>\$ 2,001,979</b> | <b>\$ 3,639,960</b>            | <b>\$ 21,342,506</b>           |

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**CITY OF OBERLIN, 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, 2018***

**Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds** \$ 475,986

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

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

|                |             |           |
|----------------|-------------|-----------|
| Capital Outlay | 1,835,190   |           |
| Depreciation   | (1,969,019) | (133,829) |

|   |  |        |
|---|--|--------|
| Donations of capital assets increase net position in the statement of activities, but do not appear in the governmental funds because they are not financial resources. |  | 39,460 |
|---|--|--------|

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.

|                           |          |          |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|
| Delinquent Property Taxes | (19,838) |          |
| Charges for Services      | (5,219)  |          |
| Special Assessments       | 15,721   |          |
| Interest                  | (6,805)  |          |
| Intergovernmental         | 2,726    | (13,415) |

Contractually required contributions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds; however, the statement of net position reports these amounts as deferred outflows:

|         |         |         |
|---------|---------|---------|
| Pension | 779,650 |         |
| OPEB    | 8,307   | 787,957 |

Except for amounts reported as deferred inflows/outflows, changes in the net pension and OPEB liabilities are reported as pension/OPEB expense in the statement of activities:

|         |             |             |
|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Pension | (1,288,368) |             |
| OPEB    | (470,659)   | (1,759,027) |

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, but has no effect on net position. In addition, repayment of bond and loan principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.

|  |          |         |
|--|----------|---------|
| General Obligation Bonds Principal               | 465,000  |         |
| OPWC Loan Principal                              | 47,022   |         |
| OPWC Loan Issued                                 | (23,857) |         |
| Amortization of Deferred Loss on Refunding Bonds | (6,240)  |         |
| Amortization of Premium on G.O. Bonds            | 4,987    | 486,912 |

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Interest is reported as an expenditure when due in the governmental funds but is accrued on outstanding debt on the statement of net position. Premiums are reported as revenues when the debt is first issued; however, these amounts are deferred and amortized on the statement of net position.

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Accrued Interest Payable | 912 |
|--------------------------|-----|

Some expenses reported on the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

|  |                 |          |
|--|-----------------|----------|
| Increase in Supplies Inventory           | 4,699           |          |
| Increase in Compensated Absences Payable | <u>(59,646)</u> | (54,947) |

The internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of services to individual funds and is not reported in the statement of activities. Governmental fund expenditures and related internal service fund revenues are eliminated. The net revenue (expense) of the internal service funds are allocated among the governmental activities.

|                 |
|-----------------|
| <u>(74,800)</u> |
|-----------------|

***Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities***

|                            |
|----------------------------|
| <u><u>\$ (244,791)</u></u> |
|----------------------------|

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

## CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in  
Fund Balance – Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)  
General Fund  
For The Year Ended December 31, 2018**

|  | Original Budget     | Final Budget        | Actual               | Variance with<br>Final Budget<br>Positive<br>(Negative) |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---|
| <b>Revenues:</b>   |                     |                     |                      |   |
| Property Taxes   | \$ 520,785          | \$ 520,785          | \$ 533,866           | \$ 13,081   |
| Municipal Income Tax   | 5,487,000           | 5,487,000           | 5,614,768            | 127,768   |
| Intergovernmental Revenue                                    | 706,430             | 706,430             | 759,807              | 53,377  |
| Charges for Services   | 120,000             | 120,000             | 256,687              | 136,687   |
| Licenses and Permits   | 229,700             | 229,700             | 265,615              | 35,915  |
| Investment Earnings  | 392,250             | 392,250             | 496,337              | 104,087   |
| Special Assessments  | 1,000               | 1,000               | 1,707                | 707   |
| Fines and Forfeitures  | 700,000             | 700,000             | 737,583              | 37,583  |
| All Other Revenues   | 758,596             | 758,596             | 765,479              | 6,883   |
| Total Revenues   | <u>8,915,761</u>    | <u>8,915,761</u>    | <u>9,431,849</u>     | <u>516,088</u>  |
| <b>Expenditures:</b>   |                     |                     |                      |   |
| Current:   |                     |                     |                      |   |
| Security of Persons and Property                             | 3,613,203           | 3,670,080           | 3,501,600            | 168,480   |
| Public Health and Welfare Services                           | 155,375             | 155,374             | 150,995              | 4,379   |
| Leisure Time Activities                                      | 645,425             | 647,285             | 547,863              | 99,422  |
| Community Environment  | 637,869             | 687,869             | 541,770              | 146,099   |
| Transportation   | 221,516             | 221,516             | 216,489              | 5,027   |
| General Government   | 4,129,285           | 4,210,893           | 3,864,079            | 346,814   |
| Total Expenditures   | <u>9,402,673</u>    | <u>9,593,017</u>    | <u>8,822,796</u>     | <u>770,221</u>  |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues<br>Over (Under) Expenditures | (486,912)           | (677,256)           | 609,053              | 1,286,309   |
| <b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>                       |                     |                     |                      |   |
| Sale of Capital Assets                                       | 0                   | 0                   | 2,937                | 2,937   |
| Transfers In   | 500                 | 500                 | 500                  | 0   |
| Transfers Out  | (538,987)           | (588,987)           | (553,300)            | 35,687  |
| Advances In  | 850,000             | 850,000             | 498,925              | (351,075)   |
| Advances Out   | (825,000)           | (775,000)           | (442,385)            | 332,615   |
| Total Other Financing Sources (Uses):                        | <u>(513,487)</u>    | <u>(513,487)</u>    | <u>(493,323)</u>     | <u>20,164</u>   |
| Net Change In Fund Balance                                   | (1,000,399)         | (1,190,743)         | 115,730              | 1,306,473   |
| Fund Balance at Beginning of Year                            | 10,327,811          | 10,327,811          | 10,327,811           | 0   |
| Prior Year Encumbrances                                      | 229,968             | 229,968             | 229,968              | 0   |
| Fund Balance at End of Year                                  | <u>\$ 9,557,380</u> | <u>\$ 9,367,036</u> | <u>\$ 10,673,509</u> | <u>\$ 1,306,473</u>                                     |

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**CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO**

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**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in  
Fund Balance – Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)  
Sustainable Reserve Fund  
For The Year Ended December 31, 2018**

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|  | <u>Original Budget</u> | <u>Final Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u>       | <u>Variance with<br/>Final Budget<br/>Positive<br/>(Negative)</u> |
|--|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---|
| <b>Revenues:</b>   |                        |                     |                     |   |
| Total Revenues   | \$ 0                   | \$ 0                | \$ 0                | \$ 0  |
| <b>Expenditures:</b>   |                        |                     |                     |   |
| Total Expenditures   | 0                      | 0                   | 0                   | 0   |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues<br>Over (Under) Expenditures | 0                      | 0                   | 0                   | 0   |
| Fund Balance at Beginning of Year, as Restated               | 0                      | 2,800,000           | 2,800,000           | 0   |
| Fund Balance at End of Year                                  | <u>\$ 0</u>            | <u>\$ 2,800,000</u> | <u>\$ 2,800,000</u> | <u>\$ 0</u>   |

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## CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO

### Statement of Net Position Proprietary Funds December 31, 2018

|  | Business-Type Activities |                   |                   |                  |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
|  | Enterprise Funds         |                   |                   |                  |
|  | Water                    | Sewer             | Electric          | Refuse           |
| <b>Assets:</b>                                   |                          |                   |                   |                  |
| <i>Current Assets:</i>                           |                          |                   |                   |                  |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents                        | \$ 110,511               | \$ 144,424        | \$ 298,445        | \$ 10,597        |
| Investments                                      | 2,271,777                | 2,968,928         | 6,135,116         | 217,852          |
| Receivables:                                     |                          |                   |                   |                  |
| Taxes  | 0                        | 0                 | 0                 | 359,797          |
| Accounts   | 170,035                  | 153,986           | 943,377           | 58,688           |
| Intergovernmental                                | 0                        | 0                 | 0                 | 17,921           |
| Inventory of Supplies at Cost                    | 28,076                   | 5,000             | 403,486           | 0                |
| Prepaid Items                                    | 7,923                    | 7,200             | 23,677            | 4,378            |
| <i>Total Current Assets</i>                      | <u>2,588,322</u>         | <u>3,279,538</u>  | <u>7,804,101</u>  | <u>669,233</u>   |
| <i>Non Current Assets:</i>                       |                          |                   |                   |                  |
| Capital Assets, Net                              | 10,071,905               | 8,563,521         | 3,630,598         | 1,600,603        |
| Investment in Joint Venture                      | 0                        | 0                 | 319,208           | 0                |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                              | <u>12,660,227</u>        | <u>11,843,059</u> | <u>11,753,907</u> | <u>2,269,836</u> |
| <b>Deferred Outflows of Resources:</b>           |                          |                   |                   |                  |
| Pension  | 180,801                  | 145,084           | 353,477           | 47,346           |
| OPEB   | 35,488                   | 28,512            | 69,603            | 9,263            |
| <b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>      | <u>216,289</u>           | <u>173,596</u>    | <u>423,080</u>    | <u>56,609</u>    |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                              |                          |                   |                   |                  |
| <i>Current Liabilities:</i>                      |                          |                   |                   |                  |
| Accounts Payable                                 | 13,240                   | 58,751            | 147,261           | 6,318            |
| Accrued Wages and Benefits                       | 28,073                   | 29,219            | 65,048            | 8,216            |
| Interfund Loans Payable                          | 0                        | 0                 | 0                 | 240,775          |
| Compensated Absences Payable - Current           | 41,196                   | 35,507            | 94,584            | 3,860            |
| Ohio Water Development Authority Loans - Current | 238,895                  | 0                 | 0                 | 0                |
| <i>Total Current Liabilities</i>                 | <u>321,404</u>           | <u>123,477</u>    | <u>306,893</u>    | <u>259,169</u>   |
| <i>Long Term Liabilities:</i>                    |                          |                   |                   |                  |
| Compensated Absences Payable                     | 47,808                   | 74,326            | 151,600           | 11,032           |
| Net Pension Liability                            | 709,232                  | 569,810           | 1,391,037         | 185,121          |
| Net OPEB Liability                               | 482,239                  | 387,440           | 945,831           | 125,873          |
| OWDA Loans Payable                               | 2,669,638                | 0                 | 0                 | 0                |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                         | <u>4,230,321</u>         | <u>1,155,053</u>  | <u>2,795,361</u>  | <u>581,195</u>   |

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| Other<br>Enterprise | Total             | Governmental<br>Activities -<br>Internal Service<br>Funds |
|---------------------|-------------------|---|
| \$ 128,707          | \$ 692,684        | \$ 278,930  |
| 0                   | 11,593,673        | 0   |
| 0                   | 359,797           | 0   |
| 0                   | 1,326,086         | 0   |
| 0                   | 17,921            | 0   |
| 0                   | 436,562           | 0   |
| 0                   | 43,178            | 5,263   |
| <u>128,707</u>      | <u>14,469,901</u> | <u>284,193</u>  |
| 0                   | 23,866,627        | 3,007,494   |
| 0                   | 319,208           | 0   |
| <u>128,707</u>      | <u>38,655,736</u> | <u>3,291,687</u>  |
| 0                   | 726,708           | 30,585  |
| 0                   | 142,866           | 6,027   |
| <u>0</u>            | <u>869,574</u>    | <u>36,612</u>   |
| 0                   | 225,570           | 17,837  |
| 0                   | 130,556           | 6,430   |
| 0                   | 240,775           | 0   |
| 0                   | 175,147           | 6,751   |
| 0                   | 238,895           | 0   |
| <u>0</u>            | <u>1,010,943</u>  | <u>31,018</u>   |
| 0                   | 284,766           | 16,712  |
| 0                   | 2,855,200         | 120,441   |
| 0                   | 1,941,383         | 81,894  |
| 0                   | 2,669,638         | 0   |
| <u>0</u>            | <u>8,761,930</u>  | <u>250,065</u>  |

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**Statement of Net Position  
Proprietary Funds  
December 31, 2018**

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|                                       | Business-Type Activities |                      |                     |                     |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                                       | Enterprise Funds         |                      |                     |                     |
|                                       | Water                    | Sewer                | Electric            | Refuse              |
| <b>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</b> |                          |                      |                     |                     |
| Property Tax for Next Fiscal Year     | 0                        | 0                    | 0                   | 344,455             |
| Pension                               | 184,780                  | 148,453              | 362,413             | 48,230              |
| OPEB                                  | 41,577                   | 33,404               | 81,545              | 10,853              |
| Total Deferred Inflows of Resources   | <u>226,357</u>           | <u>181,857</u>       | <u>443,958</u>      | <u>403,538</u>      |
| <b>Net Position:</b>                  |                          |                      |                     |                     |
| Net Investment in Capital Assets      | 7,163,372                | 8,563,521            | 3,630,598           | 1,600,603           |
| Unrestricted                          | 1,256,466                | 2,116,224            | 5,307,070           | (258,891)           |
| <b>Total Net Position</b>             | <u>\$ 8,419,838</u>      | <u>\$ 10,679,745</u> | <u>\$ 8,937,668</u> | <u>\$ 1,341,712</u> |

Adjustment to reflect the consolidation of internal  
service fund activities related to the enterprise funds.

Net Position of Business-type Activities

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| <u>Other<br/>Enterprise</u> | <u>Total</u>         | <u>Governmental<br/>Activities -<br/>Internal Service<br/>Funds</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|---|
| 0                           | 344,455              | 0   |
| 0                           | 743,876              | 31,380  |
| 0                           | 167,379              | 7,061   |
| 0                           | 1,255,710            | 38,441  |
| <hr/>                       |                      |   |
| 0                           | 20,958,094           | 3,007,494   |
| 128,707                     | 8,549,576            | 32,299  |
| <u>\$ 128,707</u>           | <u>29,507,670</u>    | <u>\$ 3,039,793</u>   |
| <hr/>                       |                      |   |
|                             | 1,100,134            |   |
|                             | <u>\$ 30,607,804</u> |   |

## CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO

### Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position Proprietary Funds For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

|   | Business-Type Activities |                      |                     |                     |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | Enterprise Funds         |                      |                     |                     |
|   | Water                    | Sewer                | Electric            | Refuse              |
| <b>Operating Revenues:</b>                    |                          |                      |                     |                     |
| Charges for Services                          | 1,996,109                | 1,737,897            | 12,186,192          | 717,255             |
| Other Operating Revenue                       | 15,039                   | 10,950               | 266,246             | 4,213               |
| <b>Total Operating Revenues</b>               | <b>2,011,148</b>         | <b>1,748,847</b>     | <b>12,452,438</b>   | <b>721,468</b>      |
| <b>Operating Expenses:</b>                    |                          |                      |                     |                     |
| Personal Services                             | 1,075,301                | 941,803              | 2,573,735           | 317,274             |
| Contractual Services                          | 269,271                  | 325,644              | 1,247,646           | 307,568             |
| Materials and Supplies                        | 118,131                  | 34,843               | 44,369              | 0                   |
| Purchased Power                               | 0                        | 0                    | 7,665,402           | 0                   |
| Depreciation                                  | 582,189                  | 556,431              | 329,438             | 152,405             |
| <b>Total Operating Expenses</b>               | <b>2,044,892</b>         | <b>1,858,721</b>     | <b>11,860,590</b>   | <b>777,247</b>      |
| Operating Income (Loss)                       | (33,744)                 | (109,874)            | 591,848             | (55,779)            |
| <b>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):</b>      |                          |                      |                     |                     |
| Property Taxes                                | 0                        | 0                    | 0                   | 360,502             |
| Interest Expense                              | (61,688)                 | 0                    | 0                   | 0                   |
| Gain (Loss) on Sale of Capital Assets         | (17,583)                 | 14,432               | 27,819              | 0                   |
| Loss on Investment in Joint Venture           | 0                        | 0                    | (56,573)            | 0                   |
| <b>Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</b> | <b>(79,271)</b>          | <b>14,432</b>        | <b>(28,754)</b>     | <b>360,502</b>      |
| Income (Loss) Before Transfers                | (113,015)                | (95,442)             | 563,094             | 304,723             |
| Transfers Out                                 | 0                        | (22,055)             | 0                   | (268,728)           |
| Change in Net Position                        | (113,015)                | (117,497)            | 563,094             | 35,995              |
| Net Position Beginning of Year, as Restated   | 8,532,853                | 10,797,242           | 8,374,574           | 1,305,717           |
| Net Position End of Year                      | <b>\$ 8,419,838</b>      | <b>\$ 10,679,745</b> | <b>\$ 8,937,668</b> | <b>\$ 1,341,712</b> |

Change in Net Position - Total Enterprise Funds

Adjustment to reflect the consolidation of internal  
service fund activities related to the enterprise funds.

Change in Net Position - Business-type Activities

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO**

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| Other<br>Enterprise | Total             | Governmental<br>Activities -<br>Internal Service<br>Funds |
|---------------------|-------------------|---|
| 35,074              | 16,672,527        | 450,060   |
| 0                   | 296,448           | 0   |
| <u>35,074</u>       | <u>16,968,975</u> | <u>450,060</u>  |
| 0                   | 4,908,113         | 180,968   |
| 11,262              | 2,161,391         | 127,702   |
| 0                   | 197,343           | 138,778   |
| 0                   | 7,665,402         | 0   |
| 0                   | 1,620,463         | 107,627   |
| <u>11,262</u>       | <u>16,552,712</u> | <u>555,075</u>  |
| <u>23,812</u>       | <u>416,263</u>    | <u>(105,015)</u>  |
| 0                   | 360,502           | 0   |
| 0                   | (61,688)          | 0   |
| 0                   | 24,668            | 0   |
| 0                   | (56,573)          | 0   |
| <u>0</u>            | <u>266,909</u>    | <u>0</u>  |
| <u>23,812</u>       | <u>683,172</u>    | <u>(105,015)</u>  |
| <u>0</u>            | <u>(290,783)</u>  | <u>(3,000)</u>  |
| 23,812              | 392,389           | (108,015)   |
| 104,895             | 29,115,281        | 3,147,808   |
| <u>\$ 128,707</u>   | <u>29,507,670</u> | <u>\$ 3,039,793</u>                                       |
|                     | 392,389           |   |
|                     | (109,805)         |   |
|                     | <u>\$ 282,584</u> |   |

**CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO**

**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**Proprietary Funds**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2018**

|  | Business-Type Activities |                  |                  |                 |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
|  | Enterprise Funds         |                  |                  |                 |
|  | Water                    | Sewer            | Electric         | Refuse          |
| <u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</u>                         |                          |                  |                  |                 |
| Cash Received from Customers   | \$2,001,189              | \$1,753,460      | \$12,430,621     | \$721,595       |
| Cash Payments for Goods and Services                                 | (474,587)                | (322,260)        | (8,915,018)      | (316,118)       |
| Cash Payments to Employees   | (1,020,171)              | (876,356)        | (2,342,120)      | (312,994)       |
| Net Cash Provided<br>by Operating Activities                         | <u>506,431</u>           | <u>554,844</u>   | <u>1,173,483</u> | <u>92,483</u>   |
| <u>Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:</u>              |                          |                  |                  |                 |
| Transfers Out to Other Funds   | 0                        | (22,055)         | 0                | (268,728)       |
| Advances In from Other Funds   | 0                        | 0                | 0                | 240,775         |
| Advances Out to Other Funds  | 0                        | 0                | 0                | (374,440)       |
| Receipts of Property Taxes   | 0                        | 0                | 0                | 370,762         |
| Net Cash Used for<br>Noncapital Financing Activities                 | <u>0</u>                 | <u>(22,055)</u>  | <u>0</u>         | <u>(31,631)</u> |
| <u>Cash Flows from Capital and<br/>Related Financing Activities:</u> |                          |                  |                  |                 |
| Acquisition and Construction of Assets                               | (256,868)                | (391,067)        | (1,022,943)      | 0               |
| Sale of Capital Assets   | 444                      | 14,432           | 27,819           | 0               |
| Principal Paid on<br>Ohio Water Development Authority Loans          | (234,189)                | 0                | 0                | 0               |
| Interest Paid on All Debt  | (61,688)                 | 0                | 0                | 0               |
| Net Cash Used for Capital<br>and Related Financing Activities        | <u>(552,301)</u>         | <u>(376,635)</u> | <u>(995,124)</u> | <u>0</u>        |
| <u>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</u>                         |                          |                  |                  |                 |
| Purchase of Investments  | 0                        | (21,454)         | 0                | (50,806)        |
| Sale of Investments  | 148,397                  | 0                | 90,310           | 0               |
| Net Cash Provided (Used)<br>for Investing Activities                 | <u>148,397</u>           | <u>(21,454)</u>  | <u>90,310</u>    | <u>(50,806)</u> |
| Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents                            | 102,527                  | 134,700          | 268,669          | 10,046          |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year                       | 7,984                    | 9,724            | 29,776           | 551             |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year                             | <u>\$110,511</u>         | <u>\$144,424</u> | <u>\$298,445</u> | <u>\$10,597</u> |



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| Other<br>Enterprise | Total            | Governmental<br>Activities -<br>Internal Service<br>Funds |
|---------------------|------------------|---|
| \$35,074            | \$16,941,939     | \$450,060   |
| (13,052)            | (10,041,035)     | (259,405)   |
| 0                   | (4,551,641)      | (152,165)   |
| 22,022              | 2,349,263        | 38,490  |
| 0                   | (290,783)        | (3,000)   |
| 0                   | 240,775          | 0   |
| 0                   | (374,440)        | 0   |
| 0                   | 370,762          | 0   |
| 0                   | (53,686)         | (3,000)   |
| 0                   | (1,670,878)      | 0   |
| 0                   | 42,695           | 0   |
| 0                   | (234,189)        | 0   |
| 0                   | (61,688)         | 0   |
| 0                   | (1,924,060)      | 0   |
| 0                   | (72,260)         | 0   |
| 0                   | 238,707          | 0   |
| 0                   | 166,447          | 0   |
| 22,022              | 537,964          | 35,490  |
| 106,685             | 154,720          | 243,440   |
| <u>\$128,707</u>    | <u>\$692,684</u> | <u>\$278,930</u>  |

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**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**Proprietary Funds**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2018**

|   | Business-Type Activities |                  |                    |                 |
|---|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
|   | Enterprise Funds         |                  |                    |                 |
|   | Water                    | Sewer            | Electric           | Refuse          |
| <u>Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash</u>                                      |                          |                  |                    |                 |
| <u>Provided (Used) for Operating Activities:</u>  |                          |                  |                    |                 |
| Operating Income (Loss)   | (\$33,744)               | (\$109,874)      | \$591,848          | (\$55,779)      |
| Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss)<br>to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities: |                          |                  |                    |                 |
| Depreciation Expense  | 582,189                  | 556,431          | 329,438            | 152,405         |
| Changes in Assets and Liabilities:  |                          |                  |                    |                 |
| Decrease (Increase) in Accounts Receivable  | (9,959)                  | 4,613            | (21,817)           | 127             |
| Decrease (Increase) in Inventory  | (12,411)                 | (1,500)          | 73,429             | 0               |
| Increase in Prepaid Items   | (269)                    | (1,281)          | (10,025)           | (161)           |
| Decrease in Deferred Outflows of Resources  | 240,135                  | 183,384          | 408,883            | 71,186          |
| Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable   | (74,476)                 | 40,272           | (22,170)           | (8,381)         |
| Increase (Decrease) in Accrued  |                          |                  |                    |                 |
| Wages and Benefits  | (4,466)                  | 1,507            | 5,637              | (1,225)         |
| Decrease in Net Pension Liability   | (425,606)                | (317,772)        | (677,527)          | (132,625)       |
| Increase in Net OPEB Liability  | 25,346                   | 20,364           | 49,713             | 6,616           |
| Increase in Deferred Inflows of Resources   | 219,603                  | 176,575          | 431,647            | 57,192          |
| Increase in Compensated Absences  | 89                       | 2,125            | 14,427             | 3,128           |
| Total Adjustments   | <u>540,175</u>           | <u>664,718</u>   | <u>581,635</u>     | <u>148,262</u>  |
| Net Cash Provided<br>by Operating Activities  | <u>\$506,431</u>         | <u>\$554,844</u> | <u>\$1,173,483</u> | <u>\$92,483</u> |

Schedule of Noncash Investing, Capital and Financing Activities:

As of December 31, 2018, the Electric Fund had outstanding liabilities of \$67,812 for the purchase of certain capital assets

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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| <u>Other<br/>Enterprise</u> | <u>Total</u>       | <u>Governmental<br/>Activities -<br/>Internal Service<br/>Funds</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---|
| \$23,812                    | \$416,263          | (\$105,015)   |
| 0                           | 1,620,463          | 107,627   |
| 0                           | (27,036)           | 0   |
| 0                           | 59,518             | 0   |
| 0                           | (11,736)           | (5,263)   |
| 0                           | 903,588            | 34,235  |
| (1,790)                     | (66,545)           | 12,363  |
| 0                           | 1,453              | (204)   |
| 0                           | (1,553,530)        | (55,710)  |
| 0                           | 102,039            | 4,304   |
| 0                           | 885,017            | 37,393  |
| 0                           | 19,769             | 8,760   |
| <u>(1,790)</u>              | <u>1,933,000</u>   | <u>143,505</u>  |
| <u>\$22,022</u>             | <u>\$2,349,263</u> | <u>\$38,490</u>   |

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***Statement of Assets and Liabilities***  
***Fiduciary Funds***  
***December 31, 2018***

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|                           | <u>Agency</u>       |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Assets:</b>            |                     |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 236,647          |
| Receivables:              |                     |
| Taxes                     | 865,783             |
| Intergovernmental         | <u>47,615</u>       |
| <b>Total Assets</b>       | <u>1,150,045</u>    |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>       |                     |
| Due to Others             | <u>1,150,045</u>    |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>  | <u>\$ 1,150,045</u> |

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

## **CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO**

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### ***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2018***

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#### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The City of Oberlin (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 gained city status in 1951 and is a home rule municipal corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio. The City operates under a council-city manager form of government and provides the following services as authorized by the charter: public safety, public services, public utilities and recreation. Educational services are provided by the Oberlin School District. The school district is a separate governmental entity and its financial statements are not included in these financial statements. The City of Oberlin Municipal Court financial results are included as a part of these financial statements.

#### **A. Reporting Entity**

The accompanying basic financial statements comply with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 14, "*The Financial Reporting Entity*," as amended by GASB Statement No. 61 "*The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus; an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34*," in that the financial statements include all organizations, activities, functions and component units for which the City (the primary government) is financially accountable. Financial accountability is defined as the appointment of a voting majority of a legally separate organization's governing body and either (1) the City's ability to impose its will over the organization, or (2) the potential that the organization will provide a financial benefit to, or impose a financial burden on, the City.

Based on the foregoing, the City's financial reporting entity has no component units but includes all funds, agencies, boards and commissions that are part of the primary government, which include the following services: police and fire protection, parks and recreation, 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, an electric distribution system, provides cable programming and provides refuse collection services, all of which are reported as enterprise funds.

The City has been assigned by the County Auditor to collect voter approved real estate and personal property taxes on behalf of the Oberlin Public Library (Library). The City makes annual principal and interest expense payments for the Library to retire its outstanding debt.

#### **1. Joint Ventures with Equity Interest**

*Ohio Municipal Electric Generation Agency Joint Venture 1 (Omega JV-1)* - The City is a participant with twenty-one subdivisions within the State of Ohio in a joint venture to provide supplemental reserve electric power to the participants on a cooperative basis. The Omega JV-1 was created for that purpose. The Omega JV-1 is managed by AMP, which acts as the joint venture's agent. See Note 19 "Joint Ventures."

*Ohio Municipal Electric Generation Agency Joint Venture 2 (Omega JV-2)* - The City is a participant with thirty-six subdivisions within the State of Ohio in a joint venture to provide supplemental reserve electric power to the participants on a cooperative basis. The Omega JV-2 was created for that purpose. The Omega JV-2 is managed by AMP which acts as the joint venture's agent. See Note 19 "Joint Ventures."

## **CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO**

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### ***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2018***

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#### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

##### **A. Reporting Entity** (Continued)

###### **1. Joint Ventures with Equity Interest** (Continued)

*Ohio Municipal Electric Generation Agency Joint Venture 5 (Omega JV-5)* - The City is a participant with forty-two subdivisions within the State of Ohio in a joint venture to construct a hydroelectric plant and associated transmission facilities in West Virginia on the Ohio River at the Belleville Locks and Dam and receive electricity from its operation. The Omega JV-5 was created for that purpose. See Note 19 "Joint Ventures."

*Ohio Municipal Electric Generation Agency Joint Venture 6 (Omega JV-6)* - The City is a participant with ten subdivisions within the State of Ohio in a distributive generation project using wind turbine technology. The Omega JV-6 was created for that purpose. See Note 19 "Joint Ventures."

##### **B. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting**

The accounting policies and financial reporting practices of the City conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of its significant accounting policies:

The accounting system is organized and operated on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, fund equity, revenues and expenditures (expenses). The various funds are summarized by type in the basic financial statements. The following fund types are used by the City:

###### ***Governmental Funds***

*Governmental Funds* - Governmental funds are those funds through which most governmental functions are typically financed. The acquisition, use and balances of the City's expendable financial resources and the related current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources (except those accounted for in the proprietary funds) are accounted for through governmental funds. The measurement focus is upon determination of "financial flow" (sources, uses and balances of financial resources). The following are the City's major governmental funds:

General Fund - This fund is used to account for all financial resources except those accounted for in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the City for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio and the limitations of the City Charter.

Sustainable Reserve Fund - To account for financial resources committed to further the City of Oberlin's progress towards the goal of becoming a climate positive community by 2050.

Income Tax Fund - To account for financial resources committed for the major capital projects undertaken by the City.

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

## **CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO**

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### ***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2018***

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#### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

##### **B. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting (Continued)**

###### ***Proprietary Funds***

All proprietary funds are accounted for on an "economic resources" measurement focus. This measurement focus provides that all assets and deferred outflows of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of these funds are included on the balance sheet. Proprietary fund type operating statements present increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net position.

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

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

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

Electric Fund – To account for the operation of the City's electric generation and distribution service.

Refuse Fund – To account for the operation of the City's trash collection service.

The other enterprise fund of the City accounts for the operation of the City's cable programming service.

Internal Service Funds - These funds are used to account for the financing of goods or services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the City, or to other governments, on a cost-reimbursement basis. The City has two internal service funds, the Garage Fund and the Office Supplies Fund. The Garage Fund is used to account for monies received from city departments to cover the cost of servicing the vehicles of the City departments. The Office Supplies Fund is used to account for monies used to purchase office supplies used by City departments.

###### ***Fiduciary Funds***

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and 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 therefore not available to support the City's own programs. The City has no trust funds. The agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve the measurement of results of operation. These funds operate on a full accrual basis of accounting. These funds are used to account for monies received by the City in situations where the City's role is purely custodial in nature. The three funds are the Municipal Court Fund, which accounts for monies that flow through the municipal court office, the Library Levy Fund, which accounts for property taxes collected to fund the operations of the Library, and the Unclaimed Monies Fund, where the City is holding unclaimed funds due to others.

## **CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO**

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### ***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2018***

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#### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

##### **C. Basis of Presentation – Financial Statements**

**Government-wide Financial Statements** – The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the City as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. The statements distinguish between those activities of the City that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities. The internal service funds are eliminated to avoid “doubling up” revenues and expenses; however, the interfund services provided and used are not eliminated in the process of consolidation.

The government-wide statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. This is the same approach used in the preparation of the proprietary fund financial statements but differs from the manner in which governmental fund 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.

The government-wide statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each segment of the business-type activities of the City and for each function or program of the City’s governmental activities. 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** – Fund financial statements report detailed information about the City. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental fund types are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. The financial statements for governmental funds are a balance sheet, which generally includes only current assets and deferred outflows of resources and current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, and a statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances, which reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources.



## **CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO**

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### ***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2018***

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#### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

##### **C. Basis of Presentation – Financial Statements (Continued)**

All proprietary fund types are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and deferred outflows of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statement of net position. The statement of 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.

##### **D. Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting represents the methodology utilized in the recognition of revenues and expenditures or expenses in the accounts and reported in the financial statements, and relates to the timing of the measurements made. The accounting and reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed by the governmental funds. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e., both measurable and available. Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the modified accrual basis when the exchange takes place and the resources are available. The term "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period, which for the City is 60 days after year end. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable, except for unmatured interest on long-term debt which is recognized when due.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the City receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include income taxes, property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. Revenue from income taxes is recognized in the period in which the income is earned and is available. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied and the revenue is available. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the City must provide local resources to be used for a specific purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the City on a reimbursement basis. Revenue considered susceptible to accrual at year end includes income taxes withheld by employers, interest on investments, state levied locally shared taxes (including motor vehicle license fees and local government assistance). Income taxes other than those withheld by employers, licenses, permits, charges for service and other miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenue when received in cash because generally this revenue is not measurable until received.

## **CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO**

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### ***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2018***

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#### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

##### **D. Basis of Accounting** (Continued)

Special assessment installments, which are measurable, but not available at December 31, are recorded as deferred inflow of resources – unavailable amount. Property taxes measurable as of December 31, 2018, but which are not intended to finance 2018 operations and delinquent property taxes, whose availability is indeterminate, are recorded as deferred inflow of resources as further described in Note 6 “Taxes”.

The accrual basis of accounting is utilized for reporting purposes by the proprietary funds and fiduciary funds. Revenues are recognized when they are earned and expenses recognized when incurred.

##### **E. Deferred Inflows/Outflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/ expenditure) until then. The City has two items that qualifies for reporting in this category. One is the deferred charge on refunding reported in the government-wide and proprietary statements of net position. A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension and OPEB plans are explained in Notes 12 and 13.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. On the government-wide statement of net position and governmental funds balance sheet, property taxes that are intended to finance future fiscal periods are reported as deferred inflows. In addition, the governmental funds balance sheet reports deferred inflows which arise only under a modified accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, the item, *unavailable amounts*, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable amounts for delinquent property taxes, income taxes, special assessments, charges for services, interest and state levied shared taxes. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension/OPEB are reported on the government-wide statement of net position. (See Note 12 and 13)

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### ***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2018***

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#### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

##### **F. Budgetary Process**

The budgetary process is prescribed by provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and entails the preparation of budgetary documents within an established timetable. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources and the appropriation ordinance, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The certificate of estimated resources and the appropriation ordinance are subject to amendment throughout the year.

All funds other than agency funds are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated; however, only governmental funds are required to be reported. The only funds required to be reported in the basic financial statements are the general fund and any major special revenue funds. The primary level of budgetary control is between categories within each department. Budgetary modifications may be made between categories by ordinance of the City Council.

##### **1. Tax Budget**

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

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### ***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2018***

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#### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

##### **F. Budgetary Process (Continued)**

###### **2. Estimated Resources**

The County Budget Commission reviews estimated revenue and determines if the budget substantiates a need to levy all or part of previously authorized taxes. The Budget Commission then certifies its actions to the City by September 1 of each year. As part of the certification process, the City receives an official certificate of estimated resources stating the projected receipts by fund. Prior to December 31, the City must revise its budget so that the total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing fiscal year do not exceed the amount available as stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget then serves as the basis for the annual appropriations measure. On or about January 1, the certificate of estimated resources is amended to include any unencumbered fund balances from the preceding year. The certificate may be further amended during the year if a new source of revenue is identified or if actual receipts exceed current estimates. The amounts reported on the budgetary statement reflect the amounts in the final amended official certificate of estimated resources issued during 2018.

###### **3. Appropriations**

A temporary appropriation ordinance to control expenditures may be passed on or about January 1 of each year for the period January 1 through March 31. An annual appropriation ordinance must be passed by April 1 of each year for the period January 1 through December 31. The appropriation ordinance establishes spending controls at the fund and category level, the legal level of control. The appropriation ordinance may be amended during the year as additional information becomes available, provided that total fund appropriations do not exceed the current estimated resources as certified by the County Budget Commission. The allocation of appropriations among fund and category level may be modified during the year by an ordinance of City Council. During 2018, several supplemental appropriations were necessary to budget the use of contingency funds, intergovernmental grant proceeds and capital improvement projects. Administrative control is maintained through the establishment of more detailed line-item budgets. The budgetary figures which appear in the "Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance--Budget and Actual—(Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) General and Sustainable Reserve Fund" are provided on the budgetary basis to provide a comparison of actual results with the final budget, including all amendments and modifications.

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### ***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2018***

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#### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

##### **F. Budgetary Process (Continued)**

##### **4. Encumbrances**

As part of formal budgetary control, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for expenditures are encumbered and recorded as the equivalent of expenditures (budget basis) in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation and to determine and maintain legal compliance. However, on the GAAP basis of accounting, encumbrances do not constitute expenditures or liabilities and are reported in the fund balances for governmental funds in the accompanying basic financial statements.

##### **5. Lapsing of Appropriations**

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

##### **6. Budgetary Basis of Accounting**

The City's budgetary process accounts for certain transactions on a basis other than generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The major differences between the budgetary basis and the GAAP basis lie in the manner in which revenues and expenditures are recorded. Under the budgetary basis, revenues and expenditures are recognized on a cash basis. Utilizing the cash basis, revenues are recorded when received in cash and expenditures when paid. Under the GAAP basis, revenues and expenditures are recorded on the modified accrual basis of accounting. On the budgetary basis investment earnings are recognized when realized, whereas on a GAAP basis unrealized gains and losses are recognized when investments are adjusted to fair value.

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**Notes to the Basic Financial Statements  
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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**F. Budgetary Process (Continued)**

**6. Budgetary Basis of Accounting (Continued)**

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

|  | Net Change In Fund Balance |                                |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
|  | General<br>Fund            | Sustainable<br>Reserve<br>Fund |
| GAAP Basis (as reported)   | \$495,670                  | \$0                            |
| Increase (Decrease):   |                            |                                |
| Accrued Revenues at<br>December 31, 2018<br>received during 2019 | (2,018,708)                | 0                              |
| Accrued Revenues at<br>December 31, 2017<br>received during 2018 | 2,056,911                  | 0                              |
| Accrued Expenditures at<br>December 31, 2018<br>paid during 2019 | 250,220                    | 0                              |
| Accrued Expenditures at<br>December 31, 2017<br>paid during 2018 | (255,911)                  | 0                              |
| 2018 Prepays for 2019  | (63,846)                   | 0                              |
| 2017 Prepays for 2018  | 55,320                     | 0                              |
| 2018 Adjustment to Fair Value                                    | 240,519                    | 0                              |
| 2017 Adjustment to Fair Value                                    | (271,035)                  | 0                              |
| Outstanding Encumbrances   | (268,062)                  | 0                              |
| Perspective Difference:  |                            |                                |
| Activity of Funds Reclassified<br>for GAAP Reporting Purposes    | (105,348)                  | 0                              |
| Budget Basis   | \$115,730                  | \$0                            |

**G. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits, repurchase agreements, the State Treasury Asset Reserve (STAR Ohio) and certificates of deposit with original maturity dates of three months or less. The STAR Ohio is considered an investment for purposes of GASB Statement No. 3, but it is reported as a cash equivalent in the basic financial statements because it is a highly liquid instrument which is readily convertible to cash. The City pools its cash for investment and resource management purposes. Each fund's equity in pooled cash and investments represents the balance on hand as if each fund maintained its own cash and investment account. For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the proprietary funds' shares of equity in pooled certificates of deposit are considered to be cash equivalents. See Note 5, "Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments."

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#### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

##### **H. Investments**

Investment procedures and interest allocations are restricted by provisions of the Ohio Constitution and the Ohio Revised Code. The City allocates interest among certain funds based upon the fund's cash balance at the date of investment. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools" and GASB Statement No. 72, "Fair Value Measurement and Application," the City records all its investments at fair value except for nonparticipating investment contracts which are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. All investment income, including changes in the fair value of investments, is recognized as revenue in the operating statements. See Note 5, "Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments."

During 2018, the City invested in STAR Ohio. STAR Ohio (the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio), is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Statement No. 79, "Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants." The City measures their investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides an NAV per share that approximates fair value.

For 2018, there were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. However, notice must be given 24 hours in advance of all deposits and withdrawals exceeding \$25 million. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transaction to \$100 million, requiring the excess amount to be transacted the following business day(s), but only to the \$100 million limit. All accounts of the participant will be combined for these purposes.

##### **I. Inventory**

Inventory is stated at cost (first-in, first-out) in the governmental funds and at the lower of cost or market in the proprietary funds. The costs of inventory items are recorded as expenditures in the governmental funds when purchased and as expenses in the proprietary funds when used.

##### **J. Capital Assets and Depreciation**

Capital assets are defined by the City as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$10,000.

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## Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### **J. Capital Assets and Depreciation** (Continued)

##### 1. Property, Plant and Equipment - Governmental Activities

Governmental activities capital assets are those not directly related to the business type funds. These generally are acquired or constructed for governmental activities and are recorded as expenditures in the governmental funds and are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost for assets not purchased in recent years). These assets are reported in the Governmental Activities column of the Government-wide Statement of Net Position, but they are not reported in the fund financial statements. All infrastructure acquired prior to the implementation of GASB Statement No. 34, "Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments", have been reported.

Contributed capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date received. Capital assets include land, buildings, building improvements, machinery, equipment and infrastructure. Infrastructure is defined as long-lived capital assets that normally are stationary in nature and normally can be preserved for a significant number of years. Examples of infrastructure include roads, bridges, streets and sidewalks, drainage systems and lighting systems. Estimated historical costs for governmental activities capital asset values were initially determined by identifying historical costs when such information was available. In cases where information supporting original cost was not obtainable, estimated historical costs were developed. For certain capital assets, the estimates were arrived at by indexing estimated current costs back to the estimated year of acquisition.

##### 2. Property, Plant and Equipment – Business Type Activities

Property, plant and equipment acquired by the proprietary funds are stated at cost (or estimated historical cost), including interest capitalized during construction and architectural and engineering fees where applicable. Contributed capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date received. These assets are reported in both the Business-Type Activities column of the Government-wide Statement of Net Position and in the respective funds.

##### 3. Depreciation

All capital assets are depreciated, excluding land. Depreciation has been provided using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

| Description                                      | Governmental and<br>Business-Type Activities<br>Estimated Lives (in years) |
|--|--|
| Buildings  | 25 - 40  |
| Improvements other than Buildings/Infrastructure | 10 - 50  |
| Vehicles   | 5 - 10   |
| Machinery, Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures     | 5 - 20   |



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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**K. Long-Term Obligations**

Long-term liabilities are being repaid from the following funds:

| <u>Obligation</u>        | <u>Fund</u>  |
|--------------------------|--|
| General Obligation Bonds | General Obligation Bond Retirement Fund  |
| OPWC Loans               | Income Tax Fund<br>General Obligation Bond Retirement Fund   |
| OWDA Loans               | Water Fund<br>Sewer Fund   |
| Compensated Absences     | General Fund<br>Street Construction, Maintenance, and<br>Repair Fund<br>County Recycling Fund<br>Electric Fund<br>Water Fund<br>Sewer Fund<br>Refuse Fund<br>Garage Fund |
| Pension/OPEB Liabilities | General Fund<br>Electric Fund<br>Water Fund<br>Sewer Fund<br>Refuse Fund<br>Garage Fund  |

**L. Compensated Absences**

Each bargaining unit and the management staff earn vacation at different rates based upon length of service. No more than the amount of vacation accrued in the previous twelve month period can be carried forward into the next calendar year without consent from the appropriate authority. Any excess is eliminated from the employee's leave balance. In case of death, termination, or retirement, an employee or his estate is paid for the unused vacation balance.

All full-time employees earn sick leave at the rate of 4.6 hours for each pay period worked. Employees who work a 35 hour work week can accumulate a maximum of 210 hours of accrued sick time. Employees working a 37.5 hour work week accumulate a maximum sick pay accrual of 225 hours and employees working a 40 hour work week can accumulate a maximum accumulated sick leave balance of 240 hours.

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 16, "Accounting for Compensated Absences," the City records a liability for vacation time and sick leave when the obligation is attributable to services previously rendered or to rights that vest or accumulate, and when payment of the obligation is probable and can be reasonably determined.

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### ***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2018***

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#### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

##### **L. Compensated Absences** (Continued)

For governmental funds, that portion of unpaid compensated absences that has matured and is expected to be paid using expendable, available resources is reported as an expenditure in the fund from which the individual earning the leave is paid, and a corresponding liability is reflected in the account "Compensated Absences Payable." In the government-wide statement of net position, "Compensated Absences Payable" is recorded within the "Due Within One Year" account and the long-term portion of the liability is recorded within the "Due in More Than One Year" account. Compensated absences are expensed in the proprietary funds when earned and the related liability is reported within the fund.

##### **M. Net Position**

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

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

##### **N. Fund Balances**

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

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

*Restricted* – Restricted fund balance consists of amounts that have constraints placed on them either externally by third parties (creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments) or by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Enabling legislation authorizes the City to assess, levy, charge or otherwise mandate payment of resources (from external resource providers) and includes a legally enforceable requirement (compelled by external parties) that those resources be used only for the specific purposes stipulated in the legislation.

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### ***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2018***

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#### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

##### **N. Fund Balances** (Continued)

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

*Assigned* – Assigned fund balance consists of amounts that are constrained by the City’s intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed.

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

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

##### **O. Pensions/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)**

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

##### **P. Interfund Activity**

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and after nonoperating revenues/expenses in 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.

Transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the government-wide statements are reported in the same manner as general revenues. In addition, interfund transfers between governmental funds are eliminated for reporting on the government-wide financial statements. Only transfers between governmental activities and business-type activities are reported on the statement of activities.

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### ***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2018***

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#### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

##### **Q. 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.

##### **R. Operating Revenues and Expenses**

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

##### **S. 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 Council and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither type of transaction occurred during fiscal year 2018.

##### **T. Fair Value**

The City categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets. Active markets are those in which transactions for the asset or liability occur in sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis. Quoted prices are available in active markets for identical assets or liabilities as of the reporting date. Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs. Investments classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using a matrix pricing technique. Matrix pricing is used to value securities based on the securities' relationship to benchmark quoted prices. Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

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### ***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2018***

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#### **NOTE 2 – CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE AND RESTATEMENT OF NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE**

For 2018, the City implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75, “Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions,” Statement No. 85, “Omnibus 2017,” and Statement No. 86, “Certain Debt Extinguishment Issues.”

GASB Statement No. 75 addresses accounting and financial reporting for OPEB that is provided to the employees of state and local governmental employers. This Statement establishes standards for recognizing and measuring liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and expense/expenditures related to OPEB.

GASB Statement No. 85 addresses a variety of topics including issues related to blending component units, goodwill, fair value measurement and application, and postemployment benefits (pensions and other postemployment benefits). The implementation of GASB Statement No. 85 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the City.

GASB Statement No. 86 improves consistency in accounting and financial reporting for in-substance defeasance of debt by providing guidance for transactions in which cash and other monetary assets acquired with only existing resources—resources other than the proceeds of refunding debt—are placed in an irrevocable trust for the sole purpose of extinguishing debt. This Statement also improves accounting and financial reporting for prepaid insurance on debt that is extinguished and notes to financial statements for debt that is defeased in substance. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 86 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the City.

Also during 2018, the City created a Sustainable Reserve Fund. Initially, City Council, by motion, authorized the City to return the net proceeds from the sale and repurchase of the RECs (Renewable Energy Credits) from our Electric fund to our electric customers. Subsequently, a group of residents were successful in putting forth an initiative petition (essentially an ordinance, NOT a charter amendment) and the initiative was on the ballot for Oberlin voters to consider. The result of the ballot issue instructed the City to keep the net proceeds from the sale of the RECs and to use them for the City's sustainability efforts, and the City did so. Subsequently, City Council petitioned the State Tax Commissioner to move \$2.8 million of the REC net proceeds into a newly created Sustainable Reserve Fund so they could be used for sustainability efforts as outlined in the City's Climate Action Plan. The City worked with the State Tax Commissioner's office to transfer the funds and with the Auditor of State's legal counsel and Chief Deputy Auditor to create the fund. None of these actions were taken by Charter Amendment.

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**NOTE 2 – CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE AND RESTATEMENT OF NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE (Continued)**

The implementation of GASB 75 and the establishment of the Sustainable Reserve Fund had the following effects on net position/fund balance as reported December 31, 2017:

|   | Governmental<br>Activities | Business-type<br>Activities | Electric<br>Fund   | Sustainable<br>Reserve<br>Fund |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Net Position/Fund Balance December 31, 2017                       | \$33,579,021               | \$34,939,534                | \$12,058,948       | \$0                            |
| Adjustments:  |                            |                             |                    |                                |
| Net OPEB Liability  | (5,727,490)                | (1,839,344)                 | (896,118)          | 0                              |
| Deferred Outflow - Payments Subsequent<br>to the Measurement Date | 38,220                     | 25,030                      | 11,744             | 0                              |
| Move Money to Sustainable Reserve Fund                            | 2,800,000                  | (2,800,000)                 | (2,800,000)        | 2,800,000                      |
| Restated Net Position/Fund Balance December 31, 2017              | <u>\$30,689,751</u>        | <u>\$30,325,220</u>         | <u>\$8,374,574</u> | <u>\$2,800,000</u>             |

|   | Water<br>Fund      | Sewer<br>Fund       | Refuse<br>Fund     | Internal<br>Service<br>Fund |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fund Balance December 31, 2017                                    | \$8,983,303        | \$11,159,279        | \$1,423,170        | \$3,224,398                 |
| Adjustments:  |                    |                     |                    |                             |
| Net OPEB Liability  | (456,893)          | (367,076)           | (119,257)          | (77,590)                    |
| Deferred Outflow - Payments Subsequent<br>to the Measurement Date | 6,443              | 5,039               | 1,804              | 1,000                       |
| Restated Fund Balance December 31, 2017                           | <u>\$8,532,853</u> | <u>\$10,797,242</u> | <u>\$1,305,717</u> | <u>\$3,147,808</u>          |

Other than employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date, the City made no restatement for deferred inflows/outflows of resources as the information needed to generate these restatements was not available.

**NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Fund Deficits** - The fund deficits at December 31, 2018 of \$235 in the County Recycling Fund, \$5,816 in the Gasholder Renovation Fund and \$204,798 in the Sidewalk Improvement Fund arise from the recognition of expenditures on the modified accrual basis of accounting which are greater than expenditures recognized on the budgetary basis. The deficits do not exist under the cash basis of accounting. The General Fund provides transfers when cash is required, not when accruals occur.

## CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO

### Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

#### NOTE 4 – FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATION

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

| Fund Balances                             | General<br>Fund     | Sustainable<br>Reserve<br>Fund | Income<br>Tax<br>Fund | Other<br>Governmental<br>Funds | Total<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|---|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Nonspendable:</b>                      |                     |                                |                       |                                |                                |
| Principal                                 | \$0                 | \$0                            | \$0                   | \$27,259                       | \$27,259                       |
| Prepaid Items                             | 63,846              | 0                              | 0                     | 0                              | 63,846                         |
| Supplies Inventory                        | 7,014               | 0                              | 0                     | 53,683                         | 60,697                         |
| <b>Total Nonspendable</b>                 | <b>70,860</b>       | <b>0</b>                       | <b>0</b>              | <b>80,942</b>                  | <b>151,802</b>                 |
| <b>Restricted:</b>                        |                     |                                |                       |                                |                                |
| Fire Station Improvement                  | 0                   | 0                              | 0                     | 33                             | 33                             |
| Street Maintenance                        | 0                   | 0                              | 0                     | 553,170                        | 553,170                        |
| State Highway Improvements                | 0                   | 0                              | 0                     | 144,459                        | 144,459                        |
| Library                                   | 0                   | 0                              | 0                     | 9,717                          | 9,717                          |
| CDBG Grant                                | 0                   | 0                              | 0                     | 105,622                        | 105,622                        |
| Community Housing                         | 0                   | 0                              | 0                     | 14,101                         | 14,101                         |
| DARE Grant                                | 0                   | 0                              | 0                     | 2,883                          | 2,883                          |
| Home RLF                                  | 0                   | 0                              | 0                     | 32,888                         | 32,888                         |
| EMS Grant                                 | 0                   | 0                              | 0                     | 1,551                          | 1,551                          |
| Downtown Revitalization                   | 0                   | 0                              | 0                     | 138,284                        | 138,284                        |
| DARE Trust                                | 0                   | 0                              | 0                     | 50,685                         | 50,685                         |
| TIF East College Street                   | 0                   | 0                              | 0                     | 526,595                        | 526,595                        |
| Indigent Alcohol Treatment                | 0                   | 0                              | 0                     | 10,438                         | 10,438                         |
| Indigent Interlock Monitor                | 0                   | 0                              | 0                     | 74,681                         | 74,681                         |
| Special Assessment Bond Retirement        | 0                   | 0                              | 0                     | 275,490                        | 275,490                        |
| Spring Street Park Improvement            | 0                   | 0                              | 0                     | 8,970                          | 8,970                          |
| Recreation Complex                        | 0                   | 0                              | 0                     | 18,095                         | 18,095                         |
| Police/Fire Pension                       | 0                   | 0                              | 0                     | 59,909                         | 59,909                         |
| Court Improvement/Computer                | 0                   | 0                              | 0                     | 950,275                        | 950,275                        |
| Clerk of Court Computer                   | 0                   | 0                              | 0                     | 138,260                        | 138,260                        |
| OPWC Grants                               | 0                   | 0                              | 0                     | 25,673                         | 25,673                         |
| <b>Total Restricted</b>                   | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b>                       | <b>0</b>              | <b>3,141,779</b>               | <b>3,141,779</b>               |
| <b>Committed:</b>                         |                     |                                |                       |                                |                                |
| Vacation and Sick Leave                   | 271,330             | 0                              | 0                     | 0                              | 271,330                        |
| Sustainable Reserve                       | 0                   | 2,800,000                      | 0                     | 0                              | 2,800,000                      |
| Capital Improvements                      | 0                   | 0                              | 2,001,979             | 0                              | 2,001,979                      |
| War Memorial                              | 0                   | 0                              | 0                     | 6,778                          | 6,778                          |
| Utility Caring                            | 0                   | 0                              | 0                     | 48,924                         | 48,924                         |
| Open Space                                | 0                   | 0                              | 0                     | 16,118                         | 16,118                         |
| Subdivision                               | 0                   | 0                              | 0                     | 13,657                         | 13,657                         |
| Parks                                     | 0                   | 0                              | 0                     | 1,806                          | 1,806                          |
| Equipment Replacement                     | 0                   | 0                              | 0                     | 436,876                        | 436,876                        |
| Utility Deposit                           | 0                   | 0                              | 0                     | 3,107                          | 3,107                          |
| <b>Total Committed</b>                    | <b>271,330</b>      | <b>2,800,000</b>               | <b>2,001,979</b>      | <b>527,266</b>                 | <b>5,600,575</b>               |
| <b>Assigned:</b>                          |                     |                                |                       |                                |                                |
| Purchase Orders for Supplies and Services | 240,914             | 0                              | 0                     | 0                              | 240,914                        |
| Budget Resource                           | 943,560             | 0                              | 0                     | 0                              | 943,560                        |
| Debt Service                              | 0                   | 0                              | 0                     | 100,822                        | 100,822                        |
| <b>Total Assigned</b>                     | <b>1,184,474</b>    | <b>2,800,000</b>               | <b>0</b>              | <b>100,822</b>                 | <b>1,285,296</b>               |
| Unassigned                                | 11,373,903          | 0                              | 0                     | (210,849)                      | 11,163,054                     |
| <b>Total Fund Balances</b>                | <b>\$12,900,567</b> | <b>\$2,800,000</b>             | <b>\$2,001,979</b>    | <b>\$3,639,960</b>             | <b>\$21,342,506</b>            |

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#### **NOTE 5 - CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS**

Cash resources of several individual funds are combined to form a pool of cash and investments. In addition, investments are separately held by a number of individual funds.

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

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

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

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#### **NOTE 5 - CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

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

- United States treasury notes, bills, bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal or interest by the United States;
- Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, the federal national mortgage association, federal home loan bank, federal farm credit bank, federal home loan mortgage corporation, government national mortgage association, and student loan marketing association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
- Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
- Interim deposits in eligible institutions applying for interim funds;
- Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
- No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in the first two bullets of this section and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions, and
- The State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio).
- Certain bankers' acceptances and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred and eighty days from the date of purchase in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the interim moneys available for investment at any one time.

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#### **NOTE 5 - CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

##### **A. Deposits**

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the City will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. Although the securities were held by the pledging financial institutions' trust department and all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with Federal requirements could potentially subject the City to a successful claim by the FDIC.

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

All of the City's financial institutions have enrolled in OPCS as of December 31, 2018. One of the City's financial institutions were approved for a reduced collateral rate of 50 percent through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System.

At year end the carrying amount of the City's deposits was \$12,946,080 and the bank balance was \$13,290,354. Federal depository insurance covered \$8,163,505 of the bank balance and \$5,126,849 was exposed to custodial risk and was collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institutions trust department or agent but not in the City's name and securities held in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System.

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#### NOTE 5 - CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

##### **B. Investments**

The City's investments at December 31, 2018 are summarized below:

|                    | Fair Value          | Credit Rating                       | Fair Value<br>Hierarchy | Investment<br>Maturities (in Years) |                     |                    |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
|                    |                     |                                     |                         | less than 1                         | 1-3                 | 3-5                |
| STAR Ohio *        | \$29,609            | AAAm                                | N/A                     | \$29,609                            | \$0                 | \$0                |
| FNMA               | 5,059,924           | AAA <sup>1</sup> / Aaa <sup>2</sup> | Level 2                 | 0                                   | 3,958,762           | 1,101,162          |
| FFCB               | 2,378,245           | AAA <sup>1</sup> / Aaa <sup>2</sup> | Level 2                 | 0                                   | 987,950             | 1,390,295          |
| U.S. Treasury Note | 606,566             | N/A                                 | Level 2                 | 606,566                             | 0                   | 0                  |
| FHLB               | 3,451,759           | AAA <sup>1</sup> / Aaa <sup>2</sup> | Level 2                 | 0                                   | 1,473,645           | 1,978,114          |
| FHLMC              | 8,064,480           | AAA <sup>1</sup> / Aaa <sup>2</sup> | Level 2                 | 0                                   | 8,064,480           | 0                  |
| Total Investments  | <u>\$19,590,583</u> |                                     |                         | <u>\$636,175</u>                    | <u>\$14,484,837</u> | <u>\$4,469,571</u> |

<sup>1</sup> Standard & Poor's

<sup>2</sup> Moody's Investor Service

\* Star Ohio is reported at its share price (Net asset value per share)

*Interest Rate Risk* – The Ohio Revised Code generally limits security purchases to those that mature within five years of settlement date.

*Credit Risk* – The City's investment in Star Ohio was rated AAAM<sup>1</sup> by Standard & Poor's.

*Concentration of Credit Risk* – The City places no limit on the amount the City may invest in one issuer.

##### **C. Reconciliation of Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments**

The classification of cash, cash equivalents and investments on the combined financial statements is based on criteria set forth in GASB Statement No. 9. STAR Ohio is treated as a cash equivalent. The classification of cash and cash equivalents (deposits) for purposes of this note are based on criteria set forth in GASB Statement No. 3.

A reconciliation between classifications of cash and investments on the combined financial statements and the classifications per items A and B of this note are as follows:

|  | Cash and Cash<br>Equivalents * | Investments         |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Per Financial Statements   | \$3,533,620                    | \$29,003,043        |
| Certificates of Deposit<br>(with maturities of more than 3 months) | 9,442,069                      | (9,442,069)         |
| Investments:   |                                |                     |
| STAR Ohio  | (29,609)                       | 29,609              |
| Per GASB Statement No. 3   | <u>\$12,946,080</u>            | <u>\$19,590,583</u> |

\* Includes cash on hand.

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### ***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2018***

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#### **NOTE 6 - TAXES**

##### **A. Property Taxes**

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real estate and public utility property, and tangible personal property used in business and located in the City. Real property taxes (other than public utility) collected during 2018 were levied after October 1, 2017 on assessed values as of January 1, 2017, the lien date. Assessed values were established by the County Auditor at 35% of appraised market value. All property is required to be reappraised every six years, and equalization adjustments are made in the third year following reappraisal. The last revaluation was completed in 2018. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. The first payment is due January 20; the remainder is payable by June 20.

Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes collected in one calendar year are levied in the preceding calendar year on assessed values determined as of December 31 of the second year preceding the tax collection year, the lien date. Certain public utility tangible personal property is currently assessed at 100% of its true value. Public utility property taxes are payable on the same dates as real property described previously.

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

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

##### **A. Property Taxes (Continued)**

The full tax rate for the City's operations for the year ended December 31, 2018 was \$14.49 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed value upon which the 2018 receipts were based was \$125,390,170. This amount constitutes \$124,632,020 in real property assessed value and \$758,150 in public utility assessed value.

Ohio law prohibits taxation of property from all taxing authorities in excess of 1% of assessed value without a vote of the people. Under current procedures, the City's share is 1.449% (14.49 mills) of assessed value.

##### **B. Income Tax**

The City levies a tax of 2.5% on all salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation and on net profits earned within the City as well as on incomes of residents earned outside the City. In the latter case, the City allows a credit of 100% of the tax paid to another municipality to a maximum of 2.5% of taxable salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation.

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

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#### **NOTE 7 – TAX ABATEMENT DISCLOSURES**

As of December 31, 2018, the City provides tax incentives under various programs as follows:

##### **A. Tax Increment Financing**

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5709, the City established an Incentive District to pay for public improvements funded through Tax Increment Financing (TIF). One TIF was approved in 2005, TIF proceeds began in 2011. The incremental increase in property value from the mixed use development was nearly \$10 million. The City also entered into an agreement with the School District to pay, from the TIF proceeds, 50% of what they would have received for the improvements without the TIF. The TIF was established for a term of 19 years with 100% exemption on the incremental property value. The TIF is active and in compliance. Although the TIF is scheduled to end by 2029, the last year of the debt service for the related public improvements, based on the current trend of TIF proceeds, we anticipate the TIF fund will have sufficient funds to pay the remaining debt by 2021. In 2018 TIF Proceeds were \$226,383 and expenses included \$57,553 payment to the school district and \$89,056 in debt service leaving a net balance of \$79,774 for the year and \$526,595 cumulative balance.

##### **B. Economic Development Incentive**

The City of Oberlin established an Economic Development Business Incentive Program, also referred to as the Oberlin Business Incentive Program (OBIP), to provide incentives to businesses moving into the City of Oberlin or expanding in the City and creating jobs. The incentive is based on total jobs and payroll dollars added in the City. The incentive is made of two components, one is an upfront incentive, not to exceed \$10,000 based on projected new or expanded payrolls. A clawback provision is part of the upfront incentive to ensure performance. The second component is based on the availability of non-tax dollars, if available, the City will provide an annual incentive in the amount of up-to 50% of the Income Taxes collection from withholdings and net profits. This component is based on a contract that includes maintaining certain full-time equivalent jobs within the City and minimum payroll levels. Since the inception of this program, we have received two applications. Both were approved by the City Manager in accordance with the legislation creating the program, and memorialized by an agreement between the City and the Company. Monitoring of the agreements is handled by the Finance Office. One of the two companies has not been in compliance with the agreement and has not received an incentive payment the last 5 years, we have evaluated 8 years of their 10-year agreement. If they reach a point of compliance, incentives may be reestablished, so long as other provisions are in compliance. The second company has been in compliance since inception and has received payments for 8 of their 10-year agreement. They both have caps on their incentives of \$50,000 each per year, as well as caps on their incentive periods of no more than 10 years. In 2018 the City paid \$27,702 in OBIP incentives.

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### ***Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2018***

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#### **NOTE 7 – TAX ABATEMENT DISCLOSURES (Continued)**

##### **C. Community Reinvestment Area**

The City of Oberlin established a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) on August 8, 2003 by Ordinance No. 03-51 in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 3735.65-3735.70. The CRA has no expiration date although the City Council reserves the right to re-evaluate the CRA on an annual basis. The CRA was certified by the State of Ohio on October 28, 2003. Terms of abatement for commercial and industrial projects are negotiated on a case-by-case basis. Residential projects are 50% for 10 years for new construction or remodeling of dwellings containing not more than 2 housing units, provided that the cost of construction or remodeling is at least \$2500. 50% for 10 years for new construction or remodeling of dwellings containing more than 2 housing units and fewer than 6 units, provided that the cost of construction or remodeling is at least \$5,000. The City has no property tax exemptions currently in place under the CRA.

##### **D. Enterprise Zone**

The City of Oberlin established an Enterprise Zone in 1991 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5709, and affirmed by the Lorain County Commissioners and the State Department of Development. The City has two Enterprise Zone tax exemption agreements in place for the same company that exempt 75% of the property taxes for 10 years. The first agreement done in 2015 was for two building additions where the actual investment was \$1.48 million. Associated construction began prior to July 2015 and it was completed by December 2016. In return, the company agreed to retain their current 25 full-time jobs and create 8 new full-time jobs, which they have already done. The new positions have created \$197,000 in new payroll. The new positions were to be created within 3 years of the project completion. The second agreement done in 2017 was for a building addition valued between \$630,000 and \$820,000. This addition was completed in May of 2018. For this project, the company agreed to retain its 37 full-time jobs and create 3 additional full-time jobs. The new jobs will create approximately \$150,000 in new payroll. These new positions also are to be created within 3 years of project completion. The Oberlin School District and the Lorain County Joint Vocational School were notified of both exemption applications and were provided copies in accordance with Revised Code Section 5709.83. The County Tax Incentive Review Council annually monitors the performance of any Enterprise Zone tax exemptions. In 2016 no taxes were yet exempted. The abatement began for the first agreement in 2017. The abatement for the second agreement will not begin until 2019.

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**NOTE 8 - RECEIVABLES**

Receivables at December 31, 2018 consisted of taxes, interest, accounts receivable, interfund loans, loans, special assessments and intergovernmental receivables arising from shared revenues.

**NOTE 9 - INTERFUND BALANCES**

Individual interfund balances at December 31, 2018 that are expected to be paid within one year are as follows:

| Fund                      | Interfund Loans<br>Receivable | Interfund Loans<br>Payable |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Governmental Funds:       |                               |                            |
| General Fund              | \$442,385                     | \$0                        |
| County Recycling Fund     | 0                             | 6,375                      |
| Sidewalk Improvement Fund | 0                             | 195,235                    |
| Total Governmental Funds  | <u>442,385</u>                | <u>201,610</u>             |
| Proprietary Funds:        |                               |                            |
| Refuse Fund               | 0                             | 240,775                    |
| Totals                    | <u>\$442,385</u>              | <u>\$442,385</u>           |



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**NOTE 10 - TRANSFERS**

Following is a summary of transfers in and out for all funds for 2018:

| Transfers In:            | Transfers Out:   |                    |                                |                             |                 |                  | Total              |
|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|
|                          | General<br>Fund  | Income Tax<br>Fund | Other<br>Governmental<br>Funds | Internal<br>Service<br>Fund | Sewer<br>Fund   | Refuse<br>Fund   |                    |
| General Fund             | \$0              | \$0                | \$500                          | \$0                         | \$0             | \$0              | \$500              |
| Other Governmental Funds | 553,300          | 910,724            | 89,056                         | 3,000                       | 22,055          | 268,728          | 1,846,863          |
| Total                    | <u>\$553,300</u> | <u>\$910,724</u>   | <u>\$89,556</u>                | <u>\$3,000</u>              | <u>\$22,055</u> | <u>\$268,728</u> | <u>\$1,847,363</u> |

Transfers are used to (1) move unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations; (2) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget required to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them; (3) move receipts restricted to debt service from the funds collecting the receipts to the debt service fund as debt service payments become due; (4) for capital purchases authorized by council; and (5) move revenues to the Equipment Replacement Fund.

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**NOTE 11 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

**A. Governmental Activities Capital Assets**

Summary by category of changes in governmental activities capital assets at December 31, 2018:

*Historical Cost:*

| Class  | December 31,<br>2017 | Additions          | Deletions            | December 31,<br>2018 |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Capital assets not being depreciated:</i> |                      |                    |                      |                      |
| Land   | \$2,250,264          | \$0                | \$0                  | \$2,250,264          |
| Construction in Progress                     | 748,254              | 1,034,406          | (637,390)            | 1,145,270            |
| Subtotal                                     | <u>2,998,518</u>     | <u>1,034,406</u>   | <u>(637,390)</u>     | <u>3,395,534</u>     |
| <i>Capital assets being depreciated:</i>     |                      |                    |                      |                      |
| Buildings                                    | 13,204,885           | 0                  | 0                    | 13,204,885           |
| Improvements Other than Buildings            | 920,041              | 0                  | 0                    | 920,041              |
| Machinery and Equipment                      | 6,688,899            | 927,884            | (438,294)            | 7,178,489            |
| Infrastructure                               | 38,973,649           | 549,750            | (83,691)             | 39,439,708           |
| Subtotal                                     | <u>59,787,474</u>    | <u>1,477,634</u>   | <u>(521,985)</u>     | <u>60,743,123</u>    |
| Total Cost                                   | <u>\$62,785,992</u>  | <u>\$2,512,040</u> | <u>(\$1,159,375)</u> | <u>\$64,138,657</u>  |

*Accumulated Depreciation:*

| Class                             | December 31,<br>2017  | Additions              | Deletions        | December 31,<br>2018  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Buildings                         | (\$4,108,157)         | (\$327,770)            | \$0              | (\$4,435,927)         |
| Improvements Other than Buildings | (252,398)             | (42,637)               | 0                | (295,035)             |
| Machinery and Equipment           | (5,421,005)           | (378,090)              | 438,294          | (5,360,801)           |
| Infrastructure                    | (22,346,815)          | (1,328,149)            | 83,691           | (23,591,273)          |
| Total Depreciation                | <u>(\$32,128,375)</u> | <u>(\$2,076,646) *</u> | <u>\$521,985</u> | <u>(\$33,683,036)</u> |
| <i>Net Value:</i>                 | <u>\$30,657,617</u>   |                        |                  | <u>\$30,455,621</u>   |

\* Depreciation expenses were charged to governmental functions as follows:

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Security of Persons and Property                                       | \$285,849          |
| Public Health and Welfare Services                                     | 21,051             |
| Leisure Time Activities  | 115,024            |
| Community Development  | 1,619              |
| Basic Utility Services   | 38,309             |
| Transportation   | 1,399,472          |
| General Government   | <u>107,695</u>     |
| Total Depreciation Expense recorded within the Governmental Activities | 1,969,019          |
| Amount of Depreciation Expense recorded in the Internal Service Fund   | <u>107,627</u>     |
| Total Depreciation Expense   | <u>\$2,076,646</u> |

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

**B. Business-Type Activities Capital Assets**

Summary by category at December 31, 2018:

*Historical Cost:*

| Class  | December 31,<br>2017 | Additions          | Deletions            | December 31,<br>2018 |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Capital assets not being depreciated:</i> |                      |                    |                      |                      |
| Land   | \$666,812            | \$0                | \$0                  | \$666,812            |
| Construction in Progress                     | 565,686              | 1,636,020          | (1,819,952)          | 381,754              |
| Subtotal                                     | <u>1,232,498</u>     | <u>1,636,020</u>   | <u>(1,819,952)</u>   | <u>1,048,566</u>     |
| <i>Capital assets being depreciated:</i>     |                      |                    |                      |                      |
| Buildings                                    | 8,419,583            | 0                  | 0                    | 8,419,583            |
| Infrastructure                               | 14,306,377           | 538,168            | (35,976)             | 14,808,569           |
| Improvements Other than Buildings            | 2,129,756            | 733,331            | 0                    | 2,863,087            |
| Machinery and Equipment                      | 22,162,032           | 605,655            | (167,391)            | 22,600,296           |
| Subtotal                                     | <u>47,017,748</u>    | <u>1,877,154</u>   | <u>(203,367)</u>     | <u>48,691,535</u>    |
| Total Cost                                   | <u>\$48,250,246</u>  | <u>\$3,513,174</u> | <u>(\$2,023,319)</u> | <u>\$49,740,101</u>  |

*Accumulated Depreciation:*

| Class                             | December 31,<br>2017  | Additions            | Deletions        | December 31,<br>2018  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Buildings                         | (\$3,818,174)         | (\$178,869)          | \$0              | (\$3,997,043)         |
| Infrastructure                    | (3,305,979)           | (163,266)            | 17,949           | (3,451,296)           |
| Improvements Other than Buildings | (662,057)             | (123,379)            | 0                | (785,436)             |
| Machinery and Equipment           | (16,652,141)          | (1,154,949)          | 167,391          | (17,639,699)          |
| Total Depreciation                | <u>(\$24,438,351)</u> | <u>(\$1,620,463)</u> | <u>\$185,340</u> | <u>(\$25,873,474)</u> |
| <i>Net Value:</i>                 | <u>\$23,811,895</u>   |                      |                  | <u>\$23,866,627</u>   |

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#### **NOTE 12 – 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.

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.

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**NOTE 12 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

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

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

| <b>Group A</b>  | <b>Group B</b>  | <b>Group C</b>  |
|---|---|---|
| Eligible to retire prior to<br>January 7, 2013 or five years<br>after January 7, 2013   | 20 years of service credit prior to<br>January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire<br>ten years after January 7, 2013                       | Members not in other Groups<br>and members hired on or after<br>January 7, 2013   |
| <b>State and Local</b>  | <b>State and Local</b>  | <b>State and Local</b>  |
| <b>Age and Service Requirements:</b><br>Age 60 with 60 months of service credit<br>or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit          | <b>Age and Service Requirements:</b><br>Age 60 with 60 months of service credit<br>or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit          | <b>Age and Service Requirements:</b><br>Age 57 with 25 years of service credit<br>or Age 62 with 5 years of service credit            |
| <b>Formula:</b><br>2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of<br>service for the first 30 years and 2.5%<br>for service years in excess of 30 | <b>Formula:</b><br>2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of<br>service for the first 30 years and 2.5%<br>for service years in excess of 30 | <b>Formula:</b><br>2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of<br>service for the first 35 years and 2.5%<br>for service years in excess of 35 |

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**NOTE 12 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

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

Members who retire before meeting the age and years of service credit requirement for unreduced benefits receive a percentage reduction in the benefit amount.

When a benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA) is provided. This COLA is calculated on the base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. For those retiring prior to January 7, 2013, the COLA will continue to be a 3 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<br/>and Local</u> |
|--|----------------------------|
| <b>2018 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates</b> |                            |
| Employer   | 14.0 %                     |
| Employee *                                       | 10.0 %                     |
| <b>2018 Actual Contribution Rates</b>            |                            |
| Employer:  |                            |
| Pension **                                       | 14.0 %                     |
| Post-employment Health Care Benefits **          | <u>0.0</u>                 |
| Total Employer                                   | <u>14.0 %</u>              |
| Employee   | <u>10.0 %</u>              |

\* Member contributions within combined plan are not used to fund the defined benefit retirement allowance.

\*\* These pension and employer health care stats are for the traditional and combined plans. The employer contributions rate for the member-directed plan is allocated 4 percent for health care with the remainder going to pension.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The City’s contractually required contribution was \$812,494 for 2018.

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#### **NOTE 12 – 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 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.

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**NOTE 12 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

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

|  | <u>Police</u>  | <u>Firefighters</u> |
|--|----------------|---------------------|
| <b>2018 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates</b> |                |                     |
| Employer   | 19.50 %        | 24.00 %             |
| Employee:  |                |                     |
| January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018        | 12.25 %        | 12.25 %             |
| <b>2018 Actual Contribution Rates</b>            |                |                     |
| Employer:  |                |                     |
| Pension  | 19.00 %        | 23.50 %             |
| Post-employment Health Care Benefits             | <u>0.50</u>    | <u>0.50</u>         |
| Total Employer                                   | <u>19.50 %</u> | <u>24.00 %</u>      |
| Employee:  |                |                     |
| January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018        | 12.25 %        | 12.25 %             |

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The City's contractually required contribution to OPF was \$332,825 for 2018.

***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, 2017, 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, 2017, and was determined by rolling forward the total pension liability as of January 1, 2017, to December 31, 2017. 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:

|  | <u>OPERS</u>       | <u>OPF</u>         | <u>Total</u> |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability | \$6,611,695        | \$4,158,799        | \$10,770,494 |
| Proportion of the Net Pension Liability-2018     | 0.042145%          | 0.067761%          |              |
| Proportion of the Net Pension Liability-2017     | <u>0.043795%</u>   | <u>0.071314%</u>   |              |
| Percentage Change                                | <u>(0.001651%)</u> | <u>(0.003553%)</u> |              |
| Pension Expense                                  | \$1,404,913        | \$448,540          | \$1,853,453  |



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**NOTE 12 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

At December 31, 2018, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

|  | <u>OPERS</u>       | <u>OPF</u>       | <u>Total</u>       |
|--|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>  |                    |                  |                    |
| Changes in assumptions   | \$790,142          | \$181,220        | \$971,362          |
| Differences between expected and actual experience                               | 6,753              | 63,114           | 69,867             |
| Change in proportionate share  | 71,527             | 16,751           | 88,278             |
| City contributions subsequent to the measurement date                            | 812,494            | 332,825          | 1,145,319          |
| Total Deferred Outflows of Resources   | <u>\$1,680,916</u> | <u>\$593,910</u> | <u>\$2,274,826</u> |
| <b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>   |                    |                  |                    |
| Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments | \$1,419,442        | \$143,864        | \$1,563,306        |
| Differences between expected and actual experience                               | 130,297            | 7,523            | 137,820            |
| Change in proportionate share  | 172,835            | 247,032          | 419,867            |
| Total Deferred Inflows of Resources  | <u>\$1,722,574</u> | <u>\$398,419</u> | <u>\$2,120,993</u> |

\$1,145,319 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, 2019. 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>OPF</u>         | <u>Total</u>       |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Year Ending December 31: |                    |                    |                    |
| 2019                     | \$569,691          | \$57,552           | \$627,243          |
| 2020                     | (155,277)          | 19,731             | (135,546)          |
| 2021                     | (685,293)          | (129,277)          | (814,570)          |
| 2022                     | (583,273)          | (101,043)          | (684,316)          |
| 2023                     | 0                  | 12,383             | 12,383             |
| 2024                     | 0                  | 3,320              | 3,320              |
| Total                    | <u>(\$854,152)</u> | <u>(\$137,334)</u> | <u>(\$991,486)</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 12 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2017 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, in accordance with the requirements of GASB 67. Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results, are presented below:

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

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 improvements back to the observation period base year 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 base year of 2006 and then established the base year as 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.

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

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

OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio, and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Defined Benefit portfolio contains the investment assets for the Traditional Pension Plan, the defined benefit component of the Combined Plan and the annuitized accounts of the Member-Directed Plan. Within the Defined Benefit portfolio, contributions into the plans are all recorded at the same time, and benefit payments all occur on the first of the month. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Defined Benefit portfolio was 16.82% for 2017.

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**NOTE 12 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

The allocation of investment assets with the Defined Benefit portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined benefit pension plans. The table below displays the Board-approved asset allocation policy for 2017 and the long-term expected real rates of return:

| Asset Class            | Target<br>Allocation | Weighted Average<br>Long-Term Expected<br>Real Rate of Return<br>(Arithmetic) |
|------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Fixed Income           | 23.00 %              | 2.20 %  |
| Domestic Equities      | 19.00                | 6.37  |
| Real Estate            | 10.00                | 5.26  |
| Private Equity         | 10.00                | 8.97  |
| International Equities | 20.00                | 7.88  |
| Other investments      | 18.00                | 5.26  |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>100.00 %</b>      | <b>5.66 %</b>   |

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

**Sensitivity of the City’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** The following table presents the City’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.5 percent, as well as what the City’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.5 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (8.5 percent) than the current rate:

|  | 1% Decrease<br>(6.50%) | Current<br>Discount Rate<br>(7.50%) | 1% Increase<br>(8.50%) |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| City's proportionate share<br>of the net pension liability | \$11,740,688           | \$6,611,695                         | \$2,335,663            |

**Changes Between Measurement Date and Report Date** In October 2018, the OPERS Board adopted certain assumption changes which will impact their valuation prepared as of January 1, 2018. The most significant change is a reduction in the assumed actuarial rate of return from 7.50 percent to 7.20 percent. Although the exact amount of these changes is not known, it has the potential to impact the City’s net pension liability.

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**NOTE 12 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

**Actuarial Assumptions – OPF**

OPF’s total pension liability as of December 31, 2017 is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of January 1, 2017, 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, 2017, are presented below:

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Valuation Date             | January 1, 2017   |
| Actuarial Cost Method      | Entry Age Normal  |
| Investment Rate of Return  | 8.00 percent  |
| Projected Salary Increases | 3.75 percent to 10.5 percent  |
| Payroll Increases          | 3.25 percent  |
| Inflation Assumptions      | 2.75 percent  |
| Cost of Living Adjustments | 3.00 percent simple; 2.2 percent for increases based on the lesser of the increase in CPI and 3%. |

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

|                           | Age        | Police | Fire |
|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|
| <b>Healthy Mortality</b>  |            |        |      |
|                           | 67 or less | 77%    | 68%  |
|                           | 68-77      | 105%   | 87%  |
|                           | 78 and up  | 115%   | 120% |
| <b>Disabled Mortality</b> |            |        |      |
|                           | 59 or less | 35%    | 35%  |
|                           | 60-69      | 60%    | 45%  |
|                           | 70-79      | 75%    | 70%  |
|                           | 80 and up  | 100%   | 90%  |

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

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**NOTE 12 – 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, 2017 are summarized below:

| <u>Asset Class</u>           | <u>Target<br/>Allocation</u> | <u>Long Term Expected<br/>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  |
| Real Assets                  | 5.00                         | 6.87  |
| Master Limited Partnerships  | 8.00                         | 7.36  |
| Total                        | <u>120.00 %</u>              |   |

Note: Assumptions are geometric.  
\* 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 8.00 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contributions from employers and from the members would be computed based on contribution requirements as stipulated by State statute. Projected inflows from investment earning were calculated using the longer-term assumed investment rate of return 8.00 percent. Based on those assumptions, the plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, a long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefits to determine the total pension liability.

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**NOTE 12 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

***Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate*** Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 8.00 percent, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (7.00 percent), or one percentage point higher (9.00 percent) than the current rate.

|  | 1% Decrease<br>(7.00%) | Current<br>Discount Rate<br>(8.00%) | 1% Increase<br>(9.00%) |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| City's proportionate share<br>of the net pension liability | \$5,765,186            | \$4,158,799                         | \$2,848,644            |

**NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS**

**Net OPEB Liability**

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

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

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

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

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

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#### **NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)**

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

Plan Description - The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) administers three separate pension plans: the traditional pension plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; the member-directed plan, a defined contribution plan; and the combined plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care trust, which funds multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage and deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement to qualifying benefit recipients of both the traditional pension and the combined plans. This trust is also used to fund health care for member-directed plan participants, in the form of a Retiree Medical Account (RMA). At retirement or refund, member directed plan participants may be eligible for reimbursement of qualified medical expenses from their vested RMA balance.

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

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

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

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority requiring public employers to fund postemployment health care through their contributions to OPERS. When funding is approved by OPERS Board of Trustees, a portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside to fund OPERS health care plans.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the earnable salary of active members. In 2018, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.0 percent of earnable salary and public safety and law enforcement employers contributed at 18.1 percent. These are the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund health care.

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#### **NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)**

Each year, the OPERS Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the Traditional Pension Plan and Combined Plan was 1.0 percent 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 percent 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 into the RMA for participants in the Member-Directed Plan for 2018 was 4.0 percent.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The City's contractually required contribution was \$0 for 2018.

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

Plan Description – The City contributes to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OPF) sponsored healthcare program, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined post-employment healthcare plan administered by a third-party provider. This program is not guaranteed and is subject to change at any time upon action of the Board of Trustees. OPF provides health care benefits including coverage for medical, prescription drug, dental, vision, and Medicare Part B Premium to retirees, qualifying benefit recipients and their eligible dependents.

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

The Ohio Revised Code allows, but does not mandate, OPF to provide OPEB benefits. Authority for the OP&F Board of Trustees to provide health care coverage to eligible participants and to establish and amend benefits is codified in Chapter 742 of the Ohio Revised Code.

OPF issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial information and required supplementary information for the plan. The report may be obtained by visiting the 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.

Funding Policy – The Ohio Revised Code provides for contribution requirements of the participating employers and of plan members to the OP&F defined benefit pension plan. Participating employers are required to contribute to the pension plan at rates expressed as percentages of the payroll of active pension plan members, currently 19.5 percent and 24 percent of covered payroll for police and fire employer units, respectively. The Ohio Revised Code states that the employer contribution may not exceed 19.5 percent of covered payroll for police employer units and 24 percent of covered payroll for fire employer units. Active members do not make contributions to the OPEB Plan.



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**NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)**

OPF maintains funds for health care in two separate accounts. There is one account for health care benefits and one account for Medicare Part B reimbursements. A separate health care trust accrual account is maintained for health care benefits under IRS Code Section 115 trust. An Internal Revenue Code 401(h) account is maintained for Medicare Part B reimbursements.

The Board of Trustees is authorized to allocate a portion of the total employer contributions made into the pension plan to the Section 115 trust and the Section 401(h) account as the employer contribution for retiree health care benefits. For 2018, the portion of employer contributions allocated to health care was 0.5 percent of covered payroll. The amount of employer contributions allocated to the health care plan each year is subject to the Trustees' primary responsibility to ensure that pension benefits are adequately funded and is limited by the provisions of Sections 115 and 401(h).

The OPF Board of Trustees is also authorized to establish requirements for contributions to the health care plan by retirees and their eligible dependents or their surviving beneficiaries. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected.

The City's contractually required contribution to OPF was \$8,307 for 2018.

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

The net OPEB liability and total OPEB liability for OPERS were determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2016, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2017, by incorporating the expected value of health care cost accruals, the actual health care payment, and interest accruals during the year. OPF's total OPEB liability was measured as of December 31, 2017, and was determined by rolling forward the total OPEB liability as of January 1, 2017, to December 31, 2017. The City's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the City's share of contributions to the retirement plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and OPEB expense:

|   | <u>OPERS</u>       | <u>OPF</u>         | <u>Total</u> |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability | \$4,495,599        | \$3,839,243        | \$8,334,842  |
| Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability-2018     | 0.041399%          | 0.067761%          |              |
| Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability-2017     | <u>0.042170%</u>   | <u>0.071314%</u>   |              |
| Percentage Change                             | <u>(0.000771%)</u> | <u>(0.003553%)</u> |              |
| OPEB Expense                                  | \$349,516          | \$279,064          | \$628,580    |

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**NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)**

At December 31, 2018, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

|  | <u>OPERS</u>     | <u>OPF</u>       | <u>Total</u>     |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>  |                  |                  |                  |
| Changes in assumptions   | \$327,328        | \$374,628        | \$701,956        |
| Differences between expected and actual experience                               | 3,502            | 0                | 3,502            |
| Change in proportionate share  | 0                | 14,415           | 14,415           |
| City contributions subsequent to the measurement date                            | 0                | 8,307            | 8,307            |
| Total Deferred Outflows of Resources   | <u>\$330,830</u> | <u>\$397,350</u> | <u>\$728,180</u> |
| <b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>   |                  |                  |                  |
| Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments | \$334,895        | \$25,271         | \$360,166        |
| Differences between expected and actual experience                               | 0                | 19,364           | 19,364           |
| Change in proportionate share  | 52,698           | 161,556          | 214,254          |
| Total Deferred Inflows of Resources  | <u>\$387,593</u> | <u>\$206,191</u> | <u>\$593,784</u> |

\$8,307 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from City contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in 2019. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

| Year Ending December 31: | <u>OPERS</u>      | <u>OPF</u>       | <u>Total</u>     |
|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 2019                     | \$49,252          | \$24,110         | \$73,362         |
| 2020                     | 49,252            | 24,110           | 73,362           |
| 2021                     | (71,541)          | 24,110           | (47,431)         |
| 2022                     | (83,726)          | 24,110           | (59,616)         |
| 2023                     | 0                 | 30,428           | 30,428           |
| 2024                     | 0                 | 30,428           | 30,428           |
| 2025                     | 0                 | 25,556           | 25,556           |
| Total                    | <u>(\$56,763)</u> | <u>\$182,852</u> | <u>\$126,089</u> |

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#### **NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)**

##### ***Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS***

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

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan and include the types of coverage provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of costs between OPERS and plan members. The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2016, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2017. The actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions applied to all prior periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 74:

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Wage Inflation                                     | 3.25 percent   |
| Projected Salary Increases,<br>including inflation | 3.25 to 10.75 percent<br>including wage inflation      |
| Single Discount Rate:                              |  |
| Current measurement date                           | 3.85 percent   |
| Prior Measurement date                             | 4.23 percent   |
| Investment Rate of Return                          | 6.50 percent   |
| Municipal Bond Rate                                | 3.31 percent   |
| Health Care Cost Trend Rate                        | 7.5 percent, initial<br>3.25 percent, ultimate in 2028 |
| Actuarial Cost Method                              | Individual Entry Age                                   |

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

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

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

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**NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)**

OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Health Care portfolio includes the assets for health care expenses for the Traditional Pension Plan, Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan eligible members. Within the Health Care portfolio, contributions into the plans are assumed to be received continuously throughout the year based on the actual payroll payable at the time contributions are made, and health care-related payments are assumed to occur mid-year. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Health Care portfolio is 15.2 percent for 2017.

The allocation of investment assets with the Health Care portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of continuing to offer a sustainable health care program for current and future retirees. OPERS' primary goal is to achieve and maintain a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined pension plans. Health care is a discretionary benefit. The table below displays the Board-approved asset allocation policy for 2017 and the long-term expected real rates of return:

| Asset Class                  | Target<br>Allocation | Weighted Average<br>Long-Term Expected<br>Real Rate of Return<br>(Arithmetic) |
|------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Fixed Income                 | 34.00 %              | 1.88 %  |
| Domestic Equities            | 21.00                | 6.37  |
| Real Estate Investment Trust | 6.00                 | 5.91  |
| International Equities       | 22.00                | 7.88  |
| Other investments            | 17.00                | 5.39  |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>100.00 %</b>      | <b>4.98 %</b>   |

**Discount Rate** A single discount rate of 3.85 percent was used to measure the OPEB liability on the measurement date of December 31, 2017. A single discount rate of 4.23 percent was used to measure the OPEB liability on the measurement date of December 31, 2016. Projected benefit payments are required to be discounted to their actuarial present value using a single discount rate that reflects (1) a long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments (to the extent that the health care fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits), and (2) tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date (to the extent that the contributions for use with the long-term expected rate are not met). This single discount rate was based on an expected rate of return on the health care investment portfolio of 6.50 percent and a municipal bond rate of 3.31 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rate. Based on these assumptions, the health care fiduciary net position and future contributions were sufficient to finance health care costs through 2034. As a result, the long-term expected rate of return on health care investments was applied to projected costs through the year 2034, and the municipal bond rate was applied to all health care costs after that date.

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**NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)**

***Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate*** The following table presents the City's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the single discount rate of 3.85 percent, as well as what the City's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (2.85 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (4.85 percent) than the current rate:

|   | 1% Decrease<br>(2.85%) | Current<br>Discount Rate<br>(3.85%) | 1% Increase<br>(4.85%) |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| City's proportionate share<br>of the net OPEB liability | \$5,972,603            | \$4,495,599                         | \$3,300,725            |

***Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rate*** Changes in the health care cost trend rate may also have a significant impact on the net OPEB liability. The following table presents the net OPEB liability calculated using the assumed trend rates, and the expected net OPEB liability if it were calculated using a health care cost trend rate that is 1.0 percent lower or 1.0 percent higher than the current rate.

Retiree health care valuations use a health care cost-trend assumption that changes over several years built into the assumption. The near-term rates reflect increases in the current cost of health care; the trend starting in 2018 is 7.50 percent. If this trend continues for future years, the projection indicates that years from now virtually all expenditures will be for health care. A more reasonable alternative is that in the not-too-distant future, the health plan cost trend will decrease to a level at, or near, wage inflation. On this basis, the actuaries project premium rate increases will continue to exceed wage inflation for approximately the next decade, but by less each year, until leveling off at an ultimate rate, assumed to be 3.25 percent in the most recent valuation.

|   | 1% Decrease | Current Health Care<br>Cost Trend Rate<br>Assumption | 1% Increase |
|---|-------------|--|-------------|
| City's proportionate share<br>of the net OPEB liability | \$4,301,334 | \$4,495,599  | \$4,696,279 |

***Changes Between Measurement Date and Report Date*** In October 2018, the OPERS Board adopted a change in the investment return assumption, reducing it from 6.5 percent to 6.0 percent. This change will be effective for the 2018 valuation. The exact amount of the impact to the City's net OPEB liability is not known.

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#### **NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)**

##### *Actuarial Assumptions – OPF*

OPF's total OPEB liability as of December 31, 2017, is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of January 1, 2017, and rolled-forward using generally accepted actuarial procedures. The total OPEB liability is determined by OP&F's actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 74, as part of their annual valuation. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of reported amounts and assumptions about probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment mortality, salary increases, disabilities, retirements and employment terminations. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

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

Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. For a newly hired employee, actuarial calculations will take into account the employee's entire career with the employer and also take into consideration the benefits, if any, paid to the employee after termination of employment until the death of the employee and any applicable contingent annuitant. In many cases, actuarial calculations reflect several decades of service with the employer and the payment of benefits after termination.

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

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Valuation Date             | January 1, 2017, with actuarial liabilities rolled forward to December 31, 2017                                |
| Actuarial Cost Method      | Entry Age Normal   |
| Investment Rate of Return  | 8.0 percent  |
| Projected Salary Increases | 3.75 percent to 10.5 percent   |
| Payroll Growth             | Inflation rate of 2.75 percent plus productivity increase rate of 0.5 percent                                  |
| Single discount rate:      |  |
| Current measurement date   | 3.24 percent   |
| Prior measurement date     | 3.79 percent   |
| Cost of Living Adjustments | 3.00 percent simple; 2.2 percent simple for increased based on the lesser of the increase in CPI and 3 percent |

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#### **NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)**

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

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

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

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

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

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a building-block approach and assumes a time horizon, as defined in the Statement of Investment Policy. A forecasted rate of inflation serves as the baseline for the return expected. Various real return premiums over the baseline inflation rate have been established for each asset class. The long-term expected nominal rate of return has been determined by calculating a weighted averaged of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate and adding the expected return from rebalancing uncorrelated asset classes. Best estimates of the long-term expected geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in OPF's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2017, are summarized below:

| Asset Class                            | Target<br>Allocation | Long-Term Expected<br>Real Rate of Return |
|--|----------------------|---|
| Cash and Cash Equivalents              | - %                  | 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 Securities* | 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                                  | 120.00 %             |   |

Note: Assumptions are geometric.

\* levered 2x

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**NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)**

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

***Discount Rate*** The total OPEB liability was calculated using the discount rate of 3.24 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contribution from employers and from members would be computed based on contribution requirements as stipulated by state statute. Projected inflows from investment earnings were calculated using the longer-term assumed investment rate of return 8 percent. Based on those assumptions, OP&F's fiduciary net position was projected to not be able to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, a municipal bond rate of 3.16 percent at December 31, 2017 and 3.71 percent at December 31, 2016, was blended with the long-term rate of 8 percent, which resulted in a blended discount rate of 3.24 percent. The municipal bond rate was determined using the S&P Municipal Bond 20 Year High Grade Rate Index. The OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected OPEB payments until 2025. The long-term expected rate of return on health care investments was applied to projected costs through 2025, and the municipal bond rate was applied to all health care costs after that date.

***Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate*** Net OPEB liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 3.24 percent, as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (2.24 percent), or one percentage point higher (4.24 percent) than the current rate.

|   | 1% Decrease<br>(2.24%) | Current<br>Discount Rate<br>(3.24%) | 1% Increase<br>(4.24%) |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| City's proportionate share<br>of the net OPEB liability | \$4,799,101            | \$3,839,243                         | \$3,100,676            |



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**NOTE 13 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS (Continued)**

***Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rate*** Net OPEB liability is sensitive to changes in the health care cost trend rate. The trend rate is the annual rate at which the cost of covered medical services is assumed to increase from the current year to the next year. Beginning in 2017, the per-capita costs are assumed to change by the following percentages each year:

| Year           | Non-Medicare | Non-AARP | AARP  | Rx Drug | Medicare Part B |
|----------------|--------------|----------|-------|---------|-----------------|
| 2017           | -0.47%       | -2.50%   | 4.50% | -0.47%  | 5.20%           |
| 2018           | 7.00%        | 7.00%    | 4.50% | 7.00%   | 5.10%           |
| 2019           | 6.50%        | 6.50%    | 4.50% | 6.50%   | 5.00%           |
| 2020           | 6.00%        | 6.00%    | 4.50% | 6.00%   | 5.00%           |
| 2021           | 5.50%        | 5.50%    | 4.50% | 5.50%   | 5.00%           |
| 2022           | 5.00%        | 5.00%    | 4.50% | 5.00%   | 5.00%           |
| 2023 and Later | 4.50%        | 4.50%    | 4.50% | 4.50%   | 5.00%           |

To illustrate the potential impact, the following table presents the net OPEB liability calculated using the current healthcare cost trend current rates as outlined in the table above, a one percent decrease in the trend rates and a one percent increase in the trend rates.

|  | 1% Decrease | Current Rates | 1% Increase |
|--|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| City's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability | \$2,982,394 | \$3,839,243   | \$4,993,988 |

***Changes between Measurement Date and Report Date***

In March 2018, the OPF Board of Trustees approved the implementation date and framework for a new health care model. Beginning January 1, 2019, the current self-insured health care plan will no longer be offered. In its place is a stipend-based health care model. A stipend funded by OPF will be placed in individual Health Reimbursement Accounts that retirees will use to be reimbursed for health care expenses. The impact to the City's NOL is not known.

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#### **NOTE 14 – COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 16, "*Accounting for Compensated Absences*," vacation and compensatory time are accrued as liabilities when an employee's right to receive compensation is attributable to services already rendered and it is probable the employee will be compensated through paid time off or some other means, such as cash payments at termination or retirement. Leave time that has been earned but is unavailable for use as paid time off or as some other form of compensation because an employee has not met the minimum service time requirement, is accrued to the extent that it is considered to be probable that the conditions for compensation will be met in the future.

Sick leave is accrued using the vesting method, whereby the liability is recorded on the basis of leave accumulated by employees who are eligible to receive termination payments as of the balance sheet date, and on leave balances accumulated by other employees who are expected to become eligible in the future to receive such payments.

At December 31, 2018, the City's accumulated, unpaid compensated absences amounted to \$1,498,226, of which \$1,038,313 is recorded as a liability of the Governmental Activities and \$459,913 is recorded as a liability of the Business-Type Activities.

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**NOTE 15 - LONG-TERM DEBT**

Long-term debt of the City at December 31, 2018 was as follows:

| Date Purchased                                 | Interest Rate | Description                      | Maturity Date | Restated Balance December 31, 2017 | Additions          | (Reductions)         | Balance December 31, 2018 | Amount Due Within One Year |
|--|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Business-Type Activities:</b>               |               |                                  |               |                                    |                    |                      |                           |                            |
| Ohio Water Development Authority Loans (OWDA): |               |                                  |               |                                    |                    |                      |                           |                            |
| 2008   | 2.000%        | OWDA - Project #4875             | 2029          | \$3,142,722                        | \$0                | (\$234,189)          | \$2,908,533               | \$238,895                  |
| Payable to Joint Venture                       |               |                                  |               | 2,188                              | 0                  | (2,188)              | 0                         | 0                          |
| Compensated Absences                           |               |                                  |               | 440,144                            | 459,913            | (440,144)            | 459,913                   | 175,147                    |
| Net Pension Liability - OPERS                  |               |                                  |               | 4,408,730                          | 0                  | (1,553,530)          | 2,855,200                 | 0                          |
| Net OPEB Liability - OPERS                     |               |                                  |               | 1,839,344                          | 102,039            | 0                    | 1,941,383                 | 0                          |
| Total Business-Type Long-Term Debt             |               |                                  |               | <u>\$9,833,128</u>                 | <u>\$561,952</u>   | <u>(\$2,230,051)</u> | <u>\$8,165,029</u>        | <u>\$414,042</u>           |
| <b>Governmental Activities:</b>                |               |                                  |               |                                    |                    |                      |                           |                            |
| General Obligation Bonds:                      |               |                                  |               |                                    |                    |                      |                           |                            |
| 2015   | 3.000%        | Municipal Service Center Premium | 2027          | 2,520,000                          | 0                  | (240,000)            | 2,280,000                 | 200,000                    |
|  |               |                                  |               | 49,872                             | 0                  | (4,987)              | 44,885                    | 0                          |
| 2010   | 2.000%        | Improvement Bonds                | 2030          | 3,655,000                          | 0                  | (225,000)            | 3,430,000                 | 235,000                    |
| Total General Obligation Bonds                 |               |                                  |               | 6,224,872                          | 0                  | (469,987)            | 5,754,885                 | 435,000                    |
| Ohio Public Works Commission Loans:            |               |                                  |               |                                    |                    |                      |                           |                            |
| 2006   | 0.000%        | North Professor Street           | 2021          | 6,902                              | 0                  | (1,970)              | 4,932                     | 1,970                      |
| 2010   | 0.000%        | North Pleasant/Walnut Street     | 2029          | 175,437                            | 0                  | (15,256)             | 160,181                   | 15,256                     |
| 2011   | 0.000%        | North Professor, Union Street    | 2027          | 104,400                            | 0                  | (11,600)             | 92,800                    | 11,600                     |
| 2013   | 0.000%        | South Professor Street           | 2034          | 158,516                            | 0                  | (9,907)              | 148,609                   | 9,907                      |
| 2017   | 0.000%        | West College Street              | 2037          | 110,534                            | 0                  | (8,289)              | 102,245                   | 5,526                      |
| 2017   | 0.000%        | Oberlin Road Resurfacing         | 2030          | 17,356                             | 23,857             | 0                    | 41,213                    | 1,145                      |
| Total Ohio Public Commission Loans             |               |                                  |               | 573,145                            | 23,857             | (47,022)             | 549,980                   | 45,404                     |
| Compensated Absences                           |               |                                  |               | 953,037                            | 1,038,313          | (953,037)            | 1,038,313                 | 346,999                    |
| Net Pension Liability - OPERS                  |               |                                  |               | 5,536,431                          | 0                  | (1,779,936)          | 3,756,495                 | 0                          |
| Net Pension Liability - OPF                    |               |                                  |               | 4,516,956                          | 0                  | (358,157)            | 4,158,799                 | 0                          |
| Total Net Pension Liability                    |               |                                  |               | 10,053,387                         | 0                  | (2,138,093)          | 7,915,294                 | 0                          |
| Net OPEB Liability - OPERS                     |               |                                  |               | 2,342,376                          | 211,840            | 0                    | 2,554,216                 | 0                          |
| Net OPEB Liability - OPF                       |               |                                  |               | 3,385,114                          | 454,129            | 0                    | 3,839,243                 | 0                          |
| Total Net OPEB Liability                       |               |                                  |               | 5,727,490                          | 665,969            | 0                    | 6,393,459                 | 0                          |
| Total Governmental Activities Long-Term Debt   |               |                                  |               | <u>\$23,531,931</u>                | <u>\$1,728,139</u> | <u>(\$3,608,139)</u> | <u>\$21,651,931</u>       | <u>\$827,403</u>           |

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**NOTE 15 - LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)**

**A. Future Long-Term Financing Requirements**

A summary of the City's future long-term debt funding requirements, including principal and interest payments as of December 31, 2018 follows:

| Years     | General<br>Obligation Bonds |                    | OWDA Loans         |                  | OPWC Loans       |            |
|-----------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|
|           | Principal                   | Interest           | Principal          | Interest         | Principal        | Interest   |
| 2019      | \$435,000                   | \$164,550          | \$238,895          | \$56,982         | \$45,404         | \$0        |
| 2020      | 485,000                     | 155,174            | 243,697            | 52,180           | 47,997           | 0          |
| 2021      | 500,000                     | 138,838            | 248,596            | 47,282           | 47,011           | 0          |
| 2022      | 510,000                     | 126,286            | 253,592            | 42,285           | 46,026           | 0          |
| 2023      | 530,000                     | 113,488            | 258,690            | 37,189           | 46,026           | 0          |
| 2024-2028 | 2,635,000                   | 343,290            | 1,373,564          | 105,823          | 212,726          | 0          |
| 2029-2033 | 615,000                     | 33,000             | 291,499            | 4,380            | 80,831           | 0          |
| 2034-2037 | 0                           | 0                  | 0                  | 0                | 23,959           | 0          |
| Totals    | <u>\$5,710,000</u>          | <u>\$1,074,626</u> | <u>\$2,908,533</u> | <u>\$346,121</u> | <u>\$549,980</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

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**NOTE 16 - CONSTRUCTION COMMITMENTS**

As of December 31, 2018 the City had the following commitments with respect to capital projects:

| <u>Project</u>                           | <u>Remaining<br/>Construction<br/>Commitment</u> | <u>Expected<br/>Date of<br/>Completion</u> |
|--|--|--|
| Safe Routes to School                    | \$266,744  | 2019                                       |
| Gasholder Building Phase 2A              | 1,960  | 2019                                       |
| Gasholder Building Phase 2B              | 11,115   | 2019                                       |
| Cemetery Management Information System   | 13,225   | 2019                                       |
| E College / N Pleasant Pavement Improve. | 86,159   | 2019                                       |
| Engine 2 and 3 Repairs                   | 3,229  | 2019                                       |
| Lincoln Street Improvements              | 687,139  | 2019                                       |
| Oberlin-Elyria Road                      | 7,987  | 2019                                       |
| North Professor Street Improvements      | 82,450   | 2019                                       |
| Oberlin Bikepath Trailhead               | 464,859  | 2019                                       |
| Water System Management                  | 31,000   | 2019                                       |
| Stepdown Transformer Installation        | 46,600   | 2019                                       |
| East Lorain Hendrix Replacement          | 20,480   | 2019                                       |
| Switch Station Breaker Replacement       | 21,836   | 2019                                       |
| Engine 6, 7 and 8 Repairs                | 41,000   | 2019                                       |
| OMLPS Building Design                    | 20,000   | 2019                                       |
| WEPF Sludge Drying Bed Bldg Eval         | 2,000  | 2019                                       |
| Clark Property Phase II Env Assess.      | 1,228  | 2019                                       |
| Demolition 70 N. Park St. Property       | 22,600   | 2019                                       |
| Oberlin Bait Canteen Demolition          | 101,991  | 2019                                       |
| Zavodsky House Const. Drawings/Admin     | 34,700   | 2019                                       |
| Total                                    | <u>\$1,968,302</u>                               |  |

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#### **NOTE 17 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to property and casualty, general liability, workers' compensation and employee health and dental benefits.

The City maintains comprehensive insurance coverage with private carriers for real property, building contents and vehicles. Vehicle policies include liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage.

The City participates in the Buckeye Ohio Risk Management Agency, Inc., (BORMA, Inc.); a public entity shared risk pool consisting of several cities in northern Ohio. The City pays monthly premiums for health care coverage for its employees to BORMA. The City pays annual premiums to the Public Entities Pool (PEP) and other insurance carriers for general liability and property insurance. BORMA is responsible for the management and operations of the health insurance programs. Member Cities agree to share in coverage of losses and pay all premiums necessary for the specified health insurance coverage. Member Cities are subject to supplemental assessments.

Workers' Compensation claims are covered through the City's participation in the State of Ohio's program. The City pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium based upon a rate per \$100 of payroll plus administrative costs. The rate is determined based on accident history of the North Central Ohio Municipal Finance Officers Association. The City also pays unemployment claims to the State of Ohio as incurred.

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

#### **NOTE 18 - CONTINGENCIES**

The City is a party to various legal proceedings, which seek damages or injunctive relief generally incidental to its operations and pending projects. The City's management is of the opinion that the ultimate disposition of various claims and legal proceedings will not have a material effect, if any, on the financial condition of the City.

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#### **NOTE 19 - JOINT VENTURES**

##### **A. Ohio Municipal Electric Generation Agency Joint Venture 1 (Omega JV-1)**

The City is a participant with twenty-one subdivisions within the State of Ohio in this joint venture to provide supplemental reserve electric power to the participants on a cooperative basis. On dissolution of the joint venture, the net position of Omega JV-1 will be shared by the participants on a percentage basis. The Omega JV-1 is managed by AMP which acts as the joint venture's agent. The participants are obligated by the agreement to remit monthly costs incurred from using electricity generated by the joint venture. The City's net investment and its share of the operating results of Omega JV-1 are reported in the City's electric fund (an enterprise fund). The City's equity interest in Omega JV-1 was \$0 at December 31, 2018. Complete financial statements for Omega JV-1 can be obtained from AMP or from the City's Finance Director.

##### **B. Ohio Municipal Electric Generation Agency Joint Venture 2 (Omega JV-2)**

The City of Oberlin is a Financing Participant and an Owner Participant with percentages of liability and ownership of 1.16% and .91%, respectively, and shares participation with thirty-five other subdivisions within the State of Ohio in the Ohio Municipal Electric Generation Agency (OMEGA JV2). Owner Participants own undivided interests, as tenants in common, in the OMEGA JV2 Project in the amount of their respective Project Shares. Purchaser Participants agree to purchase the output associated with their respective Project shares, ownership of which is held in trust for such Purchaser Participants.

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#### **NOTE 19 - JOINT VENTURES (Continued)**

##### **B. Ohio Municipal Electric Generation Agency Joint Venture 2 (Omega JV-2) (Continued)**

Pursuant to the OMEGA JV2 Agreement (Agreement), the participants jointly undertook as either Financing Participants or Non-Financing Participants and as either Owner Participants or Purchaser Participants, the acquisition, construction, and equipping of OMEGA JV2, including such portions of OMEGA JV2 as have been acquired, constructed or equipped by AMP and to pay or incur the costs of the same in accordance with the Agreement.

Pursuant to the Agreement each participant has an obligation to pay its share of debt service on the Distributive Generation Bonds (Bonds) from the revenues of its electric system, subject only to the prior payment of Operating & Maintenance Expenses (O&M) of each participant's System, and shall be on a parity with any outstanding and future senior electric system revenue bonds, notes or other indebtedness payable from any revenues of the System. Under the terms of the Agreement each Financing Participant is to fix, charge and collect rates, fees and charges at least sufficient in order to maintain a debt coverage ratio equal to 110% of the sum of OMEGA JV2 debt service and any other outstanding senior lien electric system revenue obligations. As of December 31, 2018 the City of Oberlin has met their debt coverage obligation.

OMEGA JV2 was created to provide additional sources of reliable, reasonably priced electric power and energy when prices are high or during times of generation shortages or transmission constraints, and to improve the reliability and economic status of the participants' respective municipal electric utility system. The Project consists of 138.65 MW of distributed generation of which 134.081MW is the participants' entitlement and 4.569MW are held in reserve. On dissolution of OMEGA JV2, the net assets will be shared by the participants on a percentage of ownership basis. OMEGA JV2 is managed by AMP, which acts as the joint venture's agent. During 2001, AMP issued \$50,260,000 of 20 year fixed rate bonds on behalf of the Financing Participants of OMEGA JV2. The net proceeds of the bond issue of \$45,904,712 were contributed to OMEGA JV2. On January 3, 2011, AMP redeemed all of the \$31,110,000 OMEGA JV2 Project Distributive Generation Bonds then outstanding by borrowing on AMP's revolving credit facility. As such, the remaining outstanding bond principal of the OMEGA JV2 indebtedness was reduced to zero, with the remaining principal balance now residing on the AMP credit facility. The City's net investment and its share of operating results of OMEGA JV2 are reported in the City's electric fund (an enterprise fund). The City's net investment in OMEGA JV2 was \$60,379 at December 31, 2018. Complete financial statements for OMEGA JV2 may be obtained from AMP or from the State Auditor's website at [www.auditor.state.oh.us](http://www.auditor.state.oh.us).



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**NOTE 19 - JOINT VENTURES (Continued)**

**B. Ohio Municipal Electric Generation Agency Joint Venture 2 (Omega JV-2) (Continued)**

The thirty-six participating subdivisions and their respective ownership shares at December 31, 2018 are:

| <b>Municipality</b> | <b>Percent<br/>Ownership</b> | <b>Kw<br/>Entitlement</b> | <b>Municipality</b> | <b>Percent<br/>Ownership</b> | <b>Kw<br/>Entitlement</b> |
|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Hamilton            | 23.87%                       | 32,000                    | Grafton             | 0.79%                        | 1,056                     |
| Bowling Green       | 14.32%                       | 19,198                    | Brewster            | 0.75%                        | 1,000                     |
| Niles               | 11.49%                       | 15,400                    | Monroeville         | 0.57%                        | 764                       |
| Cuyahoga Falls      | 7.46%                        | 10,000                    | Milan               | 0.55%                        | 737                       |
| Wadsworth           | 5.81%                        | 7,784                     | Oak Harbor          | 0.55%                        | 737                       |
| Painesville         | 5.22%                        | 7,000                     | Elmore              | 0.27%                        | 364                       |
| Dover               | 5.22%                        | 7,000                     | Jackson Center      | 0.22%                        | 300                       |
| Galion              | 4.29%                        | 5,753                     | Napoleon            | 0.20%                        | 264                       |
| Amherst             | 3.73%                        | 5,000                     | Lodi                | 0.16%                        | 218                       |
| St. Mary's          | 2.98%                        | 4,000                     | Genoa               | 0.15%                        | 199                       |
| Montpelier          | 2.98%                        | 4,000                     | Pemberville         | 0.15%                        | 197                       |
| Shelby              | 1.89%                        | 2,536                     | Lucas               | 0.12%                        | 161                       |
| Versailles          | 1.24%                        | 1,660                     | South Vienna        | 0.09%                        | 123                       |
| Edgerton            | 1.09%                        | 1,460                     | Bradner             | 0.09%                        | 119                       |
| Yellow Springs      | 1.05%                        | 1,408                     | Woodville           | 0.06%                        | 81                        |
| Oberlin             | 0.91%                        | 1,217                     | Haskins             | 0.05%                        | 73                        |
| Pioneer             | 0.86%                        | 1,158                     | Arcanum             | 0.03%                        | 44                        |
| Seville             | <u>0.79%</u>                 | <u>1,066</u>              | Custar              | <u>0.00%</u>                 | <u>4</u>                  |
|                     | <u>95.20%</u>                | <u>127,640</u>            |                     | <u>4.80%</u>                 | <u>6,441</u>              |
|                     |                              |                           | Grand Total         | <u>100.00%</u>               | <u>134,081</u>            |

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#### **NOTE 19 - JOINT VENTURES (Continued)**

##### **C. Ohio Municipal Electric Generation Agency Joint Venture 5 (Omega JV-5)**

The City of Oberlin is a Financing Participant with an ownership percentage of 3.02%, and shares participation with forty-one other subdivisions within the State of Ohio in the Ohio Municipal Electric Generation Agency Joint Venture 5 (OMEGA JV5). Financing Participants own undivided interests, as tenants in common, without right of partition in the OMEGA JV5 Project.

Pursuant to the OMEGA Joint Venture JV5 Agreement (Agreement), the participants jointly undertook as Financing Participants, the acquisition, construction, and equipping of OMEGA JV5, including such portions of OMEGA JV5 as have been acquired, constructed or equipped by AMP.

OMEGA JV5 was created to construct a 42 Megawatt (MW) run-of-the-river hydroelectric plant (including 40MW of backup generation) and associated transmission facilities (on the Ohio River near the Bellville, West Virginia Locks and Dam) and sells electricity from its operations to OMEGA JV5 Participants.

Pursuant to the Agreement each participant has an obligation to pay its share of debt service on the Beneficial Interest Certificates (Certificates) from the revenues of its electric system, subject only to the prior payment of Operating & Maintenance Expenses (O&M) of each participant's System, and shall be on a parity with any outstanding and future senior electric system revenue bonds, notes or other indebtedness payable from any revenues of the System. On dissolution of OMEGA JV5, the net assets will be shared by the financing participants on a percentage of ownership basis. Under the terms of the Agreement each participant is to fix, charge and collect rates, fees and charges at least sufficient in order to maintain a debt coverage ratio equal to 110% of the sum of OMEGA JV5 debt service and any other outstanding senior lien electric system revenue obligations. As of December 31, 2018 the City of Oberlin has met their debt coverage obligation.

The Agreement provides that the failure of any JV5 participant to make any payment due by the due date thereof constitutes a default. In the event of a default, OMEGA JV5 may take certain actions including the termination of a defaulting JV5 Participant's entitlement to Project Power. Each Participant may purchase a pro rata share of the defaulting JV5 Participant's entitlement to Project Power, which together with the share of the other non-defaulting JV5 Participants, is equal to the defaulting JV5 Participant's ownership share of the Project, in kilowatts ("Step Up Power") provided that the sum of any such increases shall not exceed, without consent of the non-defaulting JV5 Participant, an accumulated maximum kilowatts equal to 25% of such non-defaulting JV5 Participant's ownership share of the project prior to any such increases.

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#### **NOTE 19 - JOINT VENTURES (Continued)**

##### **C. Ohio Municipal Electric Generation Agency Joint Venture 5 (Omega JV-5) (Continued)**

OMEGA JV5 is managed by AMP, which acts as the joint venture's agent. During 1993 and 2001 AMP issued \$153,415,000 and \$13,899,981 respectively of 30 year fixed rate Beneficial Interest Certificates (Certificates) on behalf of the Financing Participants of OMEGA JV5. The 2001 Certificates accrete to a value of \$56,125,000 on February 15, 2030. The net proceeds of the bond issues were used to construct the OMEGA JV5 Project. On February 17, 2004 the 1993 Certificates were refunded by issuing 2004 Beneficial Interest Refunding Certificates in the amount of \$116,910,000, which resulted in a savings to the membership of \$34,951,833 from the periods 2005 through 2024. On February 15, 2014, all of the 2004 BIRCs were redeemed from funds held under the trust agreement securing the 2004 BIRCs and the proceeds of a promissory note issued to AMP by OMEGA JV5. This was accomplished with a draw on AMP's revolving credit facility. The resulting balance was \$65,891,509 at February 28, 2014. On January 29, 2016, OMEGA JV5 issued the 2016 Beneficial Interest Certificates ("2016 Certificates") in the amount of \$49,745,000 for the purpose of refunding the promissory note to AMP in full. The outstanding amount on the promissory note had been reduced to \$49,243,377 at the time of refunding as compared to its value at December 31, 2015 of \$49,803,187. The promissory note represented the February 2014 redemption of the 2004 Certificates from funds held under the trust agreement securing the 2004 BIRCs.

The City's net investment and its share of operating results of OMEGA JV5 are reported in the City's electric fund (an enterprise fund). The City's net investment to date in OMEGA JV5 was \$90,234 at December 31, 2018. Complete financial statements for OMEGA JV5 may be obtained from AMP or from the State Auditor's website at [www.auditor.state.oh.us](http://www.auditor.state.oh.us).

##### **D. Ohio Municipal Electric Generation Agency Joint Venture 6 (Omega JV-6)**

The City of Oberlin is a Financing Participant with an ownership percentage of 3.47%, and shares participation with nine other subdivisions within the State of Ohio in the Ohio Municipal Electric Generation Agency Joint Venture 6 (OMEGA JV6). Financing Participants, after consideration of the potential risks and benefits can choose to be Owner Participants or Purchaser Participants. Owner Participants own undivided interests, as tenants in common in the Project in the amount of its Project Share. Purchaser Participants purchase the Project Power associated with its Project Share.

Pursuant to the OMEGA Joint Venture JV6 Agreement (Agreement), the participants agree jointly to plan, acquire, construct, operate and maintain the Project, and hereby agree, to pay jointly for the electric power, energy and other services associated with the Project.

OMEGA JV6 was created to construct four (4) wind turbines near Bowling Green Ohio. Each turbine has a nominal capacity of 1.8 MW and sells electricity from its operations to OMEGA JV6 Participants.

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#### **NOTE 19 - JOINT VENTURES (Continued)**

##### **D. Ohio Municipal Electric Generation Agency Joint Venture 6 (Omega JV-6) (Continued)**

Pursuant to the Agreement each participant has an obligation to pay its share of debt service on the Adjustable Rate Revenue Bonds (Bonds) from the revenues of its electric system, subject only to the prior payment of Operating & Maintenance Expenses (O&M) of each participant's System, and shall be on a parity with any outstanding and future senior electric system revenue bonds, notes or other indebtedness payable from any revenues of the System. On dissolution of OMEGA JV6, any excess funds shall be refunded to the Non-Financing Participants in proportion to each Participant's Project Share and to Financing Participant's respective obligations first by credit against the Financing Participant's respective obligations. Any other excess funds shall be paid to the Participants in proportion to their respective Project Shares. Under the terms of the Agreement each financing participant is to fix, charge and collect rates, fees, charges, including other available funds, at least sufficient in order to maintain a debt coverage ratio equal to 110% of the sum of OMEGA JV6 debt service and any other outstanding senior lien electric system revenue obligations. As of December 31, 2018 the City of Oberlin has met their debt coverage obligation.

The Agreement provides that the failure of any JV6 participant to make any payment due by the due date constitutes a default. In the event of a default and one in which the defaulting Participant failed to cure its default as provided for in the Agreement, the remaining participants would acquire the defaulting Participant's interest in the project and assume responsibility for the associated payments on a pro rata basis up to a maximum amount equal to 25% of such non-defaulting Participant's Project share ("Step Up Power").

OMEGA JV6 is managed by American Municipal Power, Inc., which acts as the joint venture's agent. On July 30, 2004 AMP issued \$9,861,000 adjustable rate bonds that mature on August 15, 2019. The interest rate on the bonds will be set every six months until maturity. No fixed amortization schedule exists. The net proceeds of the bond issues were used to construct the OMEGA JV6 Project. On August 15, 2015 the remaining balance was paid on the OMEGA JV6 Bonds.

The City's net investment and its share of operating results of OMEGA JV6 are reported in the City's electric fund (an enterprise fund). The City's net investment to date in OMEGA JV6 was \$168,595 at December 31, 2018. Complete financial statements for OMEGA JV6 may be obtained from AMP or from the State Auditor's website at [www.auditor.state.oh.us](http://www.auditor.state.oh.us).

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**NOTE 19 - JOINT VENTURES (Continued)**

**D. Ohio Municipal Electric Generation Agency Joint Venture 6 (Omega JV-6) (Continued)**

The ten participating subdivisions and their respective ownership shares at December 31, 2018 are:

| <u>Participant</u> | <u>KW Amount</u> | <u>% of Financing</u> |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Bowling Green      | 4,100            | 56.94%                |
| Cuyahoga Falls     | 1,800            | 25.00%                |
| Napoleon           | 300              | 4.17%                 |
| Oberlin            | 250              | 3.47%                 |
| Wadsworth          | 250              | 3.47%                 |
| Edgeton            | 100              | 1.39%                 |
| Elmore             | 100              | 1.39%                 |
| Montpelier         | 100              | 1.39%                 |
| Pioneer            | 100              | 1.39%                 |
| Monroeville        | 100              | 1.39%                 |
| Total              | <u>7,200</u>     | <u>100.00%</u>        |

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*REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION*

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**CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO**

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

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**Ohio Public Employees Retirement System**

| Year   | <u>2014</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2016</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| City's proportion of the net pension liability   | 0.042842%   | 0.042842%   | 0.042177%   |
| City's proportionate share of the net pension liability  | \$5,050,514 | \$5,167,224 | \$7,305,626 |
| City's covered payroll   | \$5,801,092 | \$5,294,200 | \$5,773,150 |
| City's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll | 87.06%      | 97.60%      | 126.54%     |
| Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability                     | 86.36%      | 86.45%      | 81.08%      |

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

**Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund**

| Year   | <u>2014</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2016</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| City's proportion of the net pension liability   | 0.0729048%  | 0.0729048%  | 0.072947%   |
| City's proportionate share of the net pension liability  | \$3,550,692 | \$3,776,773 | \$4,692,704 |
| City's covered payroll   | \$1,818,004 | \$1,495,555 | \$1,654,022 |
| City's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll | 195.31%     | 252.53%     | 283.71%     |
| Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability                     | 73.00%      | 72.20%      | 66.77%      |

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

Notes: The City implemented GASB Statement 68 in 2015.

Information prior to 2014 is not available.

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

See accompanying notes to required supplementary information



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| <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> |
|-------------|-------------|
| 0.043795%   | 0.042145%   |
| \$9,945,161 | \$6,611,695 |
| \$5,661,467 | \$5,546,300 |
| 175.66%     | 119.21%     |
| 77.25%      | 84.66%      |

| <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> |
|-------------|-------------|
| 0.071314%   | 0.067761%   |
| \$4,516,956 | \$4,158,799 |
| \$1,610,806 | \$1,557,954 |
| 280.42%     | 266.94%     |
| 68.36%      | 70.91%      |

**CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO**

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

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**Ohio Public Employees Retirement System**

| Year   | <u>2013</u>    | <u>2014</u>    | <u>2015</u>    |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Contractually required contribution                                  | \$754,142      | \$635,304      | \$692,778      |
| Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution | <u>754,142</u> | <u>635,304</u> | <u>692,778</u> |
| Contribution deficiency (excess)                                     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     |
| City's covered payroll   | \$5,801,092    | \$5,294,200    | \$5,773,150    |
| Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll                     | 13.00%         | 12.00%         | 12.00%         |

**Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund**

| Year   | <u>2013</u>    | <u>2014</u>    | <u>2015</u>    |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Contractually required contribution                                  | \$310,515      | \$304,495      | \$332,293      |
| Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution | <u>310,515</u> | <u>304,495</u> | <u>332,293</u> |
| Contribution deficiency (excess)                                     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     |
| City's covered payroll   | \$1,818,004    | \$1,495,555    | \$1,654,022    |
| Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll                     | 17.08%         | 20.36%         | 20.09%         |

Notes: The City implemented GASB Statement 68 in 2015.  
Information prior to 2013 is not available.

See accompanying notes to required supplementary information

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| <u>2016</u>    | <u>2017</u>    | <u>2018</u>    |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| \$679,376      | \$734,034      | \$812,494      |
| <u>679,376</u> | <u>734,034</u> | <u>812,494</u> |
| <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     |
| \$5,661,467    | \$5,546,300    | \$5,803,529    |
| 12.00%         | 13.00%         | 14.00%         |

| <u>2016</u>    | <u>2017</u>    | <u>2018</u>    |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| \$323,611      | \$312,993      | \$332,825      |
| <u>323,611</u> | <u>312,993</u> | <u>332,825</u> |
| <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     |
| \$1,610,806    | \$1,557,954    | \$1,656,670    |
| 20.09%         | 20.09%         | 20.09%         |

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## **CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO**

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

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#### **Ohio Public Employees Retirement System**

| Year  | <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| City's proportion of the net OPEB liability   | 0.042170%   | 0.041399%   |
| City's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability  | \$4,181,720 | \$4,495,599 |
| City's covered payroll  | \$5,661,467 | \$5,546,300 |
| City's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered payroll | 73.86%      | 81.06%      |
| Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability                     | 54.50%      | 54.14%      |

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

#### **Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund**

| Year  | <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| City's proportion of the net OPEB liability   | 0.071314%   | 0.067761%   |
| City's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability  | \$3,385,114 | \$3,839,243 |
| City's covered payroll  | \$1,610,806 | \$1,557,954 |
| City's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered payroll | 210.15%     | 246.43%     |
| Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability                     | 15.96%      | 14.13%      |

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

Notes: The City implemented GASB Statement 75 in 2018.

Information prior to 2016 is not available.

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

See accompanying notes to required supplementary information

**CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO**

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

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**Ohio Public Employees Retirement System**

| Year   | <u>2013</u>   | <u>2014</u>    | <u>2015</u>    |
|--|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Contractually required contribution                                  | \$58,011      | \$105,884      | \$115,463      |
| Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution | <u>58,011</u> | <u>105,884</u> | <u>115,463</u> |
| Contribution deficiency (excess)                                     | <u>\$0</u>    | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>     |
| City's covered payroll   | \$5,801,092   | \$5,294,200    | \$5,773,150    |
| Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll                     | 1.00%         | 2.00%          | 2.00%          |

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

**Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund**

| Year   | <u>2013</u>  | <u>2014</u>  | <u>2015</u>  |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Contractually required contribution                                  | \$9,090      | \$7,478      | \$8,270      |
| Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution | <u>9,090</u> | <u>7,478</u> | <u>8,270</u> |
| Contribution deficiency (excess)                                     | <u>\$0</u>   | <u>\$0</u>   | <u>\$0</u>   |
| City's covered payroll   | \$1,818,004  | \$1,495,555  | \$1,654,022  |
| Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll                     | 0.50%        | 0.50%        | 0.50%        |

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

Notes: The City implemented GASB Statement 75 in 2018.

Information prior to 2013 is not available.

See accompanying notes to required supplementary information

**CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO**

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| <u>2016</u>    | <u>2017</u>   | <u>2018</u> |
|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| \$113,229      | \$55,463      | \$0         |
| <u>113,229</u> | <u>55,463</u> | <u>0</u>    |
| <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$0</u>    | <u>\$0</u>  |
| \$5,661,467    | \$5,546,300   | \$5,803,529 |
| 2.00%          | 1.00%         | 0.00%       |

| <u>2016</u>  | <u>2017</u>  | <u>2018</u>  |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| \$8,054      | \$7,787      | \$8,307      |
| <u>8,054</u> | <u>7,787</u> | <u>8,307</u> |
| <u>\$0</u>   | <u>\$0</u>   | <u>\$0</u>   |
| \$1,610,806  | \$1,557,954  | \$1,656,670  |
| 0.50%        | 0.50%        | 0.50%        |

## **CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO**

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### ***Notes to the Required Supplemental Information For the Year Ended December 31, 2018***

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#### **NET PENSION LIABILITY**

##### **OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS)**

*Changes in benefit terms:* There were no changes in benefit terms for the period 2014-2018.

*Changes in assumptions:*

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

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

- Reduction in actuarial assumed rate of return from 8.00% to 7.50%
- Decrease in wage inflation from 3.75% to 3.25%
- Change in future salary increases from a range of 4.25%-10.02% to 3.25%-10.75%

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

##### **OHIO POLICE AND FIRE (OP&F) PENSION FUND**

*Changes in benefit terms:* There were no changes in benefit terms for the period 2014-2018.

*Changes in assumptions:*

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

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

- Reduction in actuarial assumed rate of return from 8.25% to 8.00%
- Decrease salary increases from 3.75% to 3.25%
- Change in payroll growth from 3.75% to 3.25%
- Reduce DROP interest rate from 4.5% to 4.0%
- Reduce CPI-based COLA from 2.6% to 2.2%
- Inflation component reduced from 3.25% to 2.75%



## **CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO**

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### ***Notes to the Required Supplemental Information For the Year Ended December 31, 2018***

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#### **NET OPEB LIABILITY**

##### **OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS)**

*Changes in benefit terms:* For 2018, there were no changes in benefit terms.

*Changes in assumptions:* For 2018, the single discount rate changed from 4.23% to 3.85%.

##### **OHIO POLICE AND FIRE (OP&F)**

*Changes in benefit terms:* For 2018, there were no changes in benefit terms.

*Changes in assumptions:* For 2018, the single discount rate changed from 3.79% to 3.24%.

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**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING  
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN  
AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Members of City Council  
City of Oberlin  
Oberlin, Ohio

The Honorable Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
State of Ohio

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Oberlin, Lorain County, Ohio, (the City) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, 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 18, 2019, wherein we noted the City adopted new accounting guidance in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, and net position and fund balance were restated due to the release of funds to be used for the Climate Action Plan.

***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the City's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. 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 deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

### ***Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### ***Purpose of This Report***

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



James G. Zupka, CPA, Inc.  
Certified Public Accountants

June 18, 2019

**CITY OF OBERLIN  
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO  
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018**

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The prior audit report, as of December 31, 2017, included no findings or instances of noncompliance

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# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



**CITY OF OBERLIN**

**LORAIN 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  
JULY 18, 2019**