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**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

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**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

**Subject: Finance and Budget Monitoring Report for the Period Ending December 31, 2023**

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The purpose of this report is to provide the City Council with the status of the City's Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 financial and operating budget conditions as of December 31, 2023, to note any significant variances, identify potential budget issues, and provide recommendations. The report is divided into two sections: revenues and expenditures. Various supplemental reports are attached to reflect forecasted revenue, actual revenue, expenditures, and commitments through December 31, 2023.

The following Citywide issues may impact the General Fund 050, Special Revenue Funds, and Enterprise Funds.

1. General Fund revenues are greater than projected by \$21.0 million through the end of December. However, this report highlights increased potential expenditure needs in the amount of \$6.5 million.
2. Overtime in the Cincinnati Fire Department (CFD) and the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) is currently outpacing the budget. In CFD, the increased overtime is primarily driven by the increased attrition experienced over the past several years. The department is required to use overtime to backfill the vacant positions. Overtime trended lower in December, which is partially attributable to the graduation and deployment of Recruit Class #121. However, the CFD continues to project a need of up to \$2.7 million by fiscal year end due to increased overtime. In CPD, the increased overtime is primarily due to Police Visibility Overtime (PVO) related to Downtown Event Deployment to curb violence and for large public events such as Oktoberfest Zinzinnati, FC Cincinnati soccer games, and Cincinnati Bengals home football games. If overtime trends do not curtail, CPD projects a need of up to \$2.8 million by fiscal year end due to increased overtime.
3. The Approved FY 2024 Budget includes a 2.0% wage increase for sworn International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) employees and sworn Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) employees. The collective bargaining

agreement with IAFF expired in December 2023 and negotiations will begin shortly. Negotiations with the FOP are expected to begin closer to their contract's expiration date in May 2024. Any agreements that exceed budgeted wage increase amounts, or any agreements that provide additional wage item increases, may result in a budget deficit. If necessary, supplemental appropriations may be required.

4. The Parking Meter Fund continues to face a structural imbalance with expenditures budgeted to exceed revenues. The City Administration is currently exploring opportunities for revenue enhancements and expense efficiencies, which may improve the fund's outlook. The fund will be monitored closely to ensure a positive fund balance is maintained.
5. The lasting impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to impact supply chains. While fleet acquisition has improved over the last year, it still has not returned to pre-pandemic levels due to the shortage of vehicle parts and semiconductor chips. Fleet repairs continue to be difficult and more expensive in certain cases. Compounded with the delays in acquisition, Fleet Services may experience increased repair costs as older vehicles will remain in service for a longer than anticipated period. These issues will be monitored closely for budgetary and operational impacts.

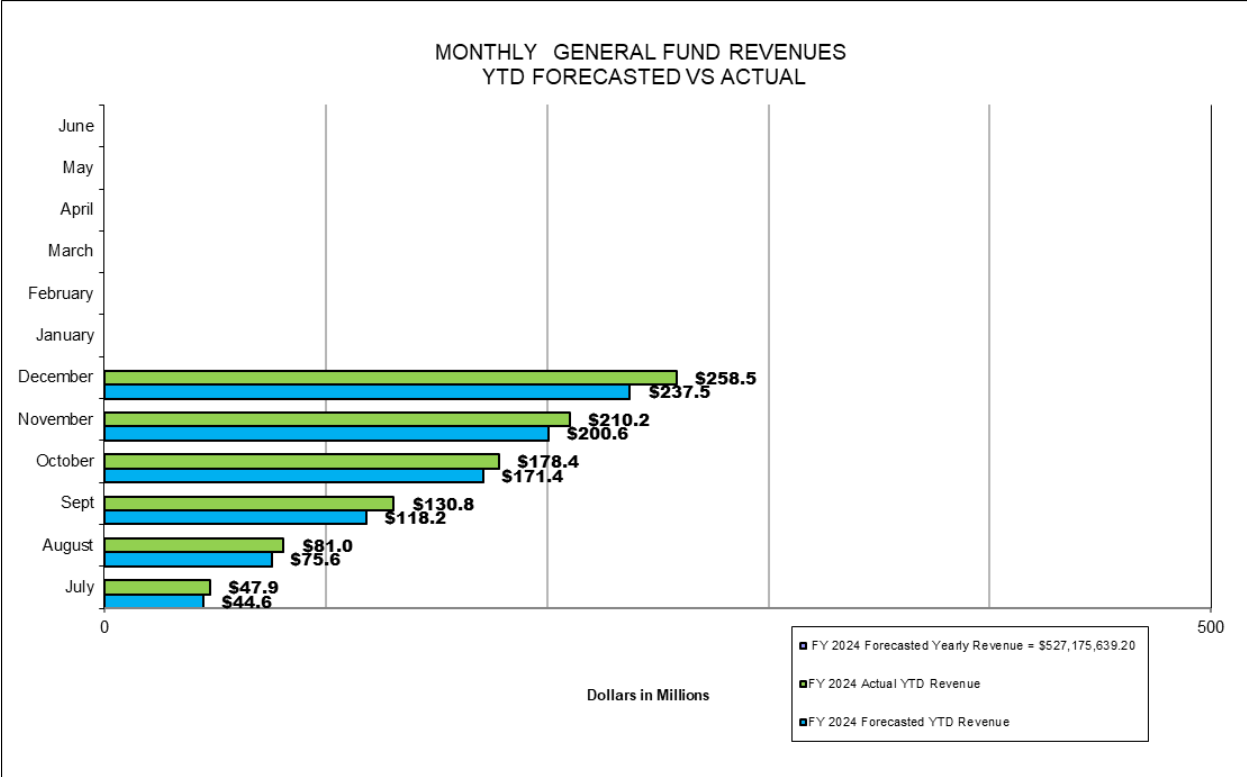
## **REVENUE**

The following report provides an update on the City of Cincinnati's financial condition as of the month ending December 31, 2023. Variances are based on current year estimates and prior year activity in attached schedules.

A more detailed explanation of revenues is attached for review, including reports comparing current year actual revenue versus forecasted revenue and prior year actual revenue versus current year actual revenue. Both of those reports are presented on a monthly and year-to-date basis.

### **I. GENERAL FUND 050**

The chart below portrays the performance of actual revenue collected against the forecasted revenue collected through December 31, 2023, and shows that actual revenue of \$258.5 million was above forecasted revenue of \$237.5 million by \$21 million.



The major revenue components of the General Fund are listed in the table below. This table highlights the year-to-date variance (favorable and unfavorable) in General Fund revenue collections as compared to forecasted revenue collections. Each major category that differs significantly from forecasted collections will be discussed in further detail.

## GENERAL FUND REVENUE SOURCES

	FAVORABLE VARIANCE	(UNFAVORABLE) VARIANCE
General Property Tax		(\$954,293)
City Income Tax	11,240,578	
Admissions Tax	2,409,813	
Short Term Rental Excise Tax	482,297	
Licenses & Permits		(\$1,504,827)
Fines, Forfeitures, & Penalties		(\$1,133,044)
Investment Income	6,362,875	
Local Government	448,518	
Casino	163,074	
Police	1,335,510	
Buildings and Inspections		(\$313,282)
Fire	614,589	
Parking Meter	45	
Other	1,880,640	
	24,937,939	(\$3,905,446)
Difference	21,032,493	

**General Fund (favorable variance) is \$21 million** above the amount forecasted through December in the FY 2024 Budget. This is the sixth month's report for the new fiscal year. What follows is an explanation of significant variances of individual General Fund revenue components.

1. **Property Tax (unfavorable variance) is \$954k** below estimate due to the decrease in property values for this half. The millage for the second half is set at a higher rate and values were increased by the County Auditor, which will offset this unfavorable variance. It is anticipated that Property Tax revenue will exceed target at year end. This is a semi-annual payment. The second payment will be received in late spring.
2. **Income Tax (favorable variance) is \$11.2 million** above the forecasted amount. Income Tax revenue was not projected to increase in FY 2024; however, in the first quarter there was a slight increase in withholdings and some higher than projected net profits for companies. The Finance Department will continue to closely monitor this category.
3. **Admission Tax (favorable variance) is \$2.4 million** above estimate. Revenue from summer concerts and larger attendance for baseball games contributed to the positive variance in this category.

4. **Licenses & Permits (unfavorable variance) is \$1.5 million** below the forecasted amount. General Building and HVAC permits are trending lower than estimated. The Finance Department will work with the Building and Inspections Department to monitor these categories in the coming months.
5. **Fines, Forfeitures and Penalties (unfavorable variance) is down \$1.1 million.** Parking fine collections are still below estimates.
6. **Investment Income (favorable variance) is \$6.4 million** above the forecasted amount. A stronger than expected economy and unpredicted Federal Reserve rate hikes in late 2023 have resulted in higher interest earnings than originally estimated.
7. **Police (favorable variance) is up \$1.3 million.** A backlog of impounded vehicles was released for sale, there has been an increase in details, and a large payment from prior year charges was received this year. These events were not factored into the current year estimates so this category should finish the year ahead of forecast.
8. **Fire (favorable variance) is \$615k** above the forecasted amount. An above average number of runs are being performed by the Fire Department resulting in this variance.
9. **Other (unfavorable variance) is \$1.9 million** below forecast. Due to the large number of revenue sources in this category and their fluctuations, the Finance Department will monitor these closely.

## II. RESTRICTED FUNDS

- A. **Community Health Centers (unfavorable variance) is \$2.7 million** below the forecasted amount. This variance is due to timing of the Medicaid reimbursement from the federal government. Once the payment is received the variance should level out and this fund should be on target for the fiscal year.

## EXPENDITURES

The following provides an update on the City of Cincinnati's operating budget position as of the month ending December 31, 2023. The attached Fund Summary Report provides the current budget, expenditures, and commitments of each appropriated fund. This report is presented on a year-to-date basis.

## **I. GENERAL FUND 050**

As shown on the attached report, total expenditures are 44.3% of budget, and commitments are 49.8% of budget in the General Fund 050 as compared to the estimated period ending December 31, 2023, or 50% of the fiscal year. "Non-personnel expenses" are trending higher at 61.2% committed year to date due to encumbering twelve months of expenditures for certain commodities such as gas and electric costs, contractual services, and materials and supplies. This is not unusual for this reporting period.

The majority of departments have indicated their FY 2024 General Fund 050 appropriation will meet their budgetary needs through the end of the fiscal year. However, budget transfers may be necessary to move funds from divisions and programs with savings to others within the respective departments that have budget needs. These transfers will be included in the Final Adjustment Ordinance (FAO), which will be presented to the City Council in May 2024.

### **A. Budget Savings Identified**

As of December 31, 2023, no General Fund 050 departments are projecting savings at the end of FY 2024. Any savings identified will be available to support budget needs in other departments and programs as necessary. Interdepartmental transfers of funds from one department to another will be included in the FAO as appropriate.

### **B. Budget Needs Identified**

Based on current expenditure projections, the following General Fund 050 departments are forecasting a budget need in FY 2024. The departments have been advised to manage their appropriated resources so that supplemental appropriations will not be required. However, the Administration will continue to closely monitor this department in the coming months and work with them to mitigate the need for supplemental appropriations. As appropriate, any remaining budget needs will be addressed within the FAO.

#### **1. Cincinnati Police Department (\$2.8 million)**

The Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) projects a total personnel need of \$2.8 million primarily due to overtime. CPD is estimating the total overtime need to be up to \$3.4 million, due to increased Police Visibility Overtime (PVO) related to Downtown Event Deployment to curb violence and for large public events such as FC Cincinnati and Cincinnati Bengals home games. As the football season ends, overtime spending is expected to decrease as will overtime for FC Cincinnati games until their next season begins in late February. This decrease in public event overtime as well as position vacancy savings may partially offset the personnel need for an estimated net personnel need of \$2.8 million. Overtime

spending and lump sum payments will be closely monitored as the fiscal year progresses.

**2. Department of Public Services (\$83,000)**

The Department of Public Services (DPS) is reporting a potential need related to unexpected automotive repairs and increased fuel expenses. Additionally, DPS projects a potential personnel need related to the salary increase to the Buildings and Ground Maintenance Crew Leaders as authorized in Ordinance No. 0328-2023 based on a compensation study conducted by the Department of Human Resources. These needs may be partially offset by personnel savings due to position vacancies. These needs will be monitored closely as the fiscal year progresses.

**3. Cincinnati Fire Department (\$3.6 million)**

The Cincinnati Fire Department (CFD) projects a total need of up to \$3.6 million primarily due to overtime. Increased attrition over the past several years has necessitated the use of overtime to backfill vacant positions. Additionally, the department added a new engine company to Westwood Station 35 in November 2022, resulting in additional staffing requirements and associated overtime. CFD recently changed the unit dispatch process to include apparatus GPS relative to the emergency location. This has led to an increase in daily runs performed by the Westwood engine company and the Price Hill engine company. The department plans to run the additional engine until the number of runs performed daily reverts to the mean. Overtime trended lower in December, which is partially attributable to the graduation and deployment of Recruit Class #121. However, the CFD continues to project a personnel need of up to \$2.7 million by fiscal year end due to increased overtime. Finally, the department projects a non-personnel need of \$0.9 million related to an expanded paramedic training class as well as unbudgeted supplies and materials expenses. Both the department and the Office of Budget and Evaluation will continue to closely monitor staffing trends and overtime needs.

**C. Within Budget, Intradepartmental Budget Transfers May Be Needed**

Numerous General Fund 050 departments have indicated the ability to manage their resources within their appropriation. However, budget adjustments within their departments may be required. These transfers are referred to as Intradepartmental Budget Transfers. Unless noted otherwise, these Intradepartmental Budget Transfers will be included in the FAO, which will be presented to the City Council for approval in May 2024.

**1. Clerk of Council**

The Clerk of Council's Office projects a potential non-personnel need. Three charter amendments were on the November general election ballot, and the

amendments were legally required to be advertised in *The Enquirer* newspaper for a cost of \$25,000. This need may be addressed either by the Election Expense non-departmental account or through the Final Adjustment Ordinance (FAO) if necessary. Additionally, the Clerk's Office may pursue temporary staffing. Any resulting budgetary needs can be offset with personnel and fringe benefit savings.

**2. Enterprise Technology Solutions**

The Department of Enterprise Technology Solutions projects no budget savings or need at this time, pending reimbursement processing.

**3. City Manager's Office**

The City Manager's Office projects no budget savings or need at this time. However, personnel and fringe benefits are trending high. Additionally, potential needs may arise from costs associated with a collaborative agreement consultant, temporary personnel services, as well as the filling of various previously vacant positions. These costs will be monitored closely.

**4. City Manager's Office: Office of Budget and Evaluation**

The Office of Budget and Evaluation projects no budget savings or need at this time, pending reimbursement processing.

**5. City Manager's Office: Emergency Communications Center**

The Emergency Communications Center (ECC) projects no budget savings or need at this time. Increased software expenditures are being closely monitored as the fiscal year progresses. Software needs may be addressed by the Enterprise Software and Licenses non-departmental account or through the Final Adjustment Ordinance (FAO) if necessary.

**6. City Manager's Office: Office of Environment and Sustainability**

The Office of Environment and Sustainability projects no budget savings or need at this time. However, the recycling budget typically faces shortfalls. This will be monitored closely.

**7. City Manager's Office: Office of Procurement**

The Office of Procurement projects no budget savings or need at this time, pending reimbursement processing.

**8. City Manager's Office: Office of Performance and Data Analytics**

The Office of Performance and Data Analytics (OPDA) projects potential personnel savings, which will be monitored. No savings or needs are anticipated in the non-personnel budget.

**9. City Manager's Office: Internal Audit**

Internal Audit projects a possible personnel savings, which will be monitored.



**10. Department of Law**

The Department of Law projects a possible personnel need related to an accounting correction to capture certain transactions as revenue rather than credits to expense. Any personnel needs are expected to be offset with greater than estimated revenue.

**11. Department of Human Resources**

The Department of Human Resources projects a potential contractual services savings, which would be used to purchase and install new cubicles.

**12. Department of Finance**

The Department of Finance projects a potential fringe benefit need in the Office of the Director. This need may be offset by personnel savings in other agencies. Transfers in the Final Adjustment Ordinance (FAO) may be required.

**13. Department of Community and Economic Development**

The Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) projects a non-personnel need of \$60,000 due to annual operating expenses for the former Saks Fifth Avenue building. Additionally, the department reports a reduction in planned reimbursements from certain Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects, which would cause a personnel need in the Director's Office and Administration Division. However, these needs can be offset by re-allocating staff time to other CDBG and HOME Investment Partnerships Program reimbursable eligible projects. By fiscal year end, there may be personnel savings in the Housing Division and the Economic Development Division. Transfers between agencies may be required as part of the Final Adjustment Ordinance.

**14. Department of City Planning and Engagement**

The Department of City Planning and Engagement projects a potential personnel savings due to multiple position vacancies. This will offset a need in non-personnel expenses related to increased engagement activities.

**15. Citizen Complaint Authority**

The Citizen Complaint Authority (CCA) projects a possible non-personnel need related to training and vehicle repair. However, these needs can be offset by savings in personnel resulting from position vacancies.

**16. Cincinnati Recreation Commission**

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission projects no budget savings or need at this time. However, the Aquatics Pay and Recruitment Bonus Plan was in place for the summer 2023 season and is expected to generate a General Fund need of up to \$1.5 million in the Athletics Agency. However, this need is expected to be offset by savings in other agencies. If savings do not materialize, a supplemental

appropriation may be required. The department has several reimbursements that will be processed in the coming months.

**17. Cincinnati Parks Department**

The Parks Department is behind on reimbursement processing due to staffing changes. The Parks Department is expected to have no budget savings or need by year end once reimbursement processing is complete.

**18. Department of Buildings and Inspections**

The Department of Buildings and Inspections projects no budget savings or need at this time. Personnel is currently trending below expectations due to position vacancies and reimbursement processing. However, the department is in the process of onboarding a new class of inspectors as well as other administrative staff, which should bring personnel spending more in line with expectations.

**19. Department of Transportation and Engineering**

The Department of Transportation and Engineering projects potential personnel savings, which will be used to offset projected contractual services needs in the Traffic Engineering Division.

**20. Department of Economic Inclusion**

The Department of Economic Inclusion projects potential personnel savings due to position vacancies.

**21. Non-Departmental Accounts**

The Judgments Against the City account is currently 99.2% committed. Depending on future judgments or settlements, additional resources may be required. Additionally, a need of \$13,000 is reported in the Public Employees Assistance Program (PEAP) account. This need can be offset by savings in other non-departmental accounts.

**II. ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

Enterprise Funds account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services. If an activity's principal revenue source meets any one of the following criteria, it is required to be reported as an enterprise fund: (1) an activity financed with debt that is secured solely by pledge of the net revenues from fees and charges for the activity; (2) laws or regulations which require that the activity's costs of providing services, including capital costs, be recovered with fees and charges, rather than with taxes or similar revenues; or (3) pricing policies which establish fees and charges designed to recover the activity's costs.

**A. Water Works Fund 101**

Water Works Fund 101 is 40.2% expended year to date. The Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) projects no budget savings or need at this time. The Division of Distribution projects a possible overtime need, which can be offset by other personnel savings within the agency. The Division of Business Services projects a possible contractual services need, which can be offset with non-personnel savings in the Division of Water Quality and Treatment. Transfers between agencies may be required as part of the Final Adjustment Ordinance.

**B. Parking System Facilities Fund 102**

Parking System Facilities Fund 102 includes the budget for off-street parking enterprises, including garages. Fund 102 is currently 31.4% expended year to date. The Division of Parking Facilities within the Department of Community and Economic Development projects a small savings in personnel, fringe benefits, and materials and supplies.

**C. Duke Energy Convention Center Fund 103**

Duke Energy Convention Center Fund 103 is 45.9% expended year to date. The Finance Department projects no savings or need at this time.

**D. General Aviation Fund 104**

General Aviation Fund 104 is 32.8% expended year to date. The Department of Transportation and Engineering may have personnel and fringe benefits savings in Fund 104 due to position vacancies, which will be monitored.

**E. Municipal Golf Fund 105**

Municipal Golf Fund 105 is 59.1% expended year to date, which reflects expenses for the calendar year (CY) 2023 golf season. Water utility expenses are greater than expected due to the dry summer season. Additionally, petroleum and contractual services expenses exceed estimates due to an increased number of golf rounds played. The Cincinnati Recreation Commission projects no budget savings or need at this time, but non-personnel expenses will be monitored.

**F. Stormwater Management Fund 107**

Stormwater Management Fund 107 provides resources to various City departments. The major recipient of resources from this fund is the Stormwater Management Utility (SMU). The Department of Public Services, the Parks Department, the Office of Environment and Sustainability, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, and the Department of Buildings and Inspections also receive appropriations from this fund. The Stormwater Management Fund is 37.1% expended year to date. SMU, the Parks Department, and the Cincinnati Recreation Commission project no budget savings or need at this time. The Department of Public Services projects a potential personnel need. The Office of Environment and Sustainability projects a potential non-personnel need related to recycling. The Department of Buildings and Inspections Private Lot Abatement

Program (PLAP) is seeing an abundance of litter and dumping cases. Additional non-personnel resources may be required; however, the department is currently exploring community partnerships for assistance with this work. These needs will be monitored closely. Reduced reimbursements to the General Fund could also generate additional savings to offset the non-personnel need.

### **III. DEBT SERVICE FUNDS**

Debt Service Funds account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, principal and interest on the City's bonds issued in support of governmental activities.

#### **A. Bond Retirement Fund 151**

Bond Retirement Fund 151 is 41.8% expended year to date. The Finance Department projects potential savings in contractual services due to only one planned debt issuance and fixed charges related to bond coupons that have not yet been redeemed, which would reduce debt service payments. The Finance Department also projects a potential savings in debt service due to a lower volume of internal notes issued than in prior years.

### **IV. APPROPRIATED SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

Special Revenue Funds account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than trusts for individuals, private organizations, or other governments, or for major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

The Office of Budget and Evaluation, in cooperation with various City departments, reviewed appropriated special revenue funds to ensure the Approved FY 2024 Budget remains in balance. Based on expenditures and revenues through December 31, 2023, most special revenue funds are on target with regards to their budget and require no additional appropriations at this time. Any identified issues are highlighted in the narrative summaries provided below. If warranted, budget adjustments will be addressed in the FAO later in the fiscal year.

#### **A. Street Construction, Maintenance & Repair Fund 301**

Street Construction, Maintenance & Repair Fund 301 is 34.1% expended year to date. The Department of Public Services anticipates a potential need related to unexpected vehicle repair costs that may be offset by other personnel savings. The Department of Transportation and Engineering projects possible non-personnel savings in the Traffic Engineering Division, which will be used to offset non-personnel needs in the Traffic Services Division as well as in the General Fund.

## **B. Income Tax-Infrastructure Fund 302**

Income Tax-Infrastructure Fund 302 provides resources to several City departments. The Department of Transportation and Engineering is the largest recipient of resources from this fund. The Department of Public Services also receives Income Tax-Infrastructure Fund resources. Fund 302 is 43.0% expended year to date. Due to the projected deficit for this Fund during the FY 2024-2025 Biennial Budget development process, resources for the Department of Law, the Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE), and the Department of Public Services (DPS) were significantly reduced. However, since the Income Tax-Infrastructure Fund performed better than expected by the end of FY 2023, and existing fund balance was available to provide additional resources to these departments, a mid-year budget adjustment, Ordinance No. 0406-2023, was approved by the City Council to begin to address the shortfall in the Department of Public Services and the Department of Transportation and Engineering with supplemental appropriations. DOTE currently projects a personnel need due to reduced capital improvement program project reimbursements; however, these needs may be offset with savings in other agencies. DPS anticipates no budget savings or needs at this time. The Department of Law receives a small amount of Income Tax-Infrastructure Fund resources for eligible infrastructure work. Law projects a potential personnel need due to budgeted position vacancy allowance that may not be achievable. The Department of Buildings and Inspections projects no budget savings or need at this time. The Department of Economic Inclusion projects a potential personnel savings due to position vacancies.

## **C. Parking Meter Fund 303**

Parking Meter Fund 303 includes the budget for on-street parking enterprises, including parking meters. Fund 303 is currently 38.6% expended year to date. The Division of Parking Facilities within the Department of Community and Economic Development projects neither an expenditure savings nor a need in the fund, but a projected revenue shortfall would create a structural imbalance in the fund. The City Administration is currently exploring opportunities for revenue enhancements and expense efficiencies to address the structural imbalance. Revenues and expenditures will continue to be monitored closely and budget adjustments may be required to ensure the fund balance remains positive.

## **D. Municipal Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund 306**

Municipal Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund 306 is 33.7% expended year to date. The Department of Public Services anticipates no budget savings or need in this fund. The Department of Transportation and Engineering projects no budget savings or needs, pending reimbursement processing.

**E. Sawyer Point Fund 318**

Sawyer Point Fund 318 is 27.9% expended year to date. The Parks Department projects no budget savings or need in Fund 318, pending reimbursement processing.

**F. Recreation Special Activities Fund 323**

Recreation Special Activities Fund 323 is currently 45.2% expended year to date. The Cincinnati Recreation Commission projects no budget savings or need in Fund 323. However, revenues are trending below estimates due to delays in processing cash receipts. The delays are expected to be resolved in January. This fund will be monitored closely.

**G. Cincinnati Riverfront Park Fund 329**

Cincinnati Riverfront Park Fund 329 is the appropriated fund for Smale Park. Fund 329 is currently 10.6% expended year to date. The Parks Department projects no budget savings or need in Fund 329, pending reimbursement processing.

**H. Hazard Abatement Fund 347**

Hazard Abatement Fund 347 is 0.1% expended year to date. The Department of Buildings and Inspections projects no budget savings or need at this time.

**I. 9-1-1 Cell Phone Fees Fund 364**

9-1-1 Cell Phone Fees Fund 364 is the appropriated fund that governs the City portion of state collected revenue from mobile device fees. Fund 364 is currently 8.4% expended year to date. The Emergency Communications Center projects no budget savings or need in Fund 364.

**J. Safe and Clean Fund 377**

Safe and Clean Fund 377 is the appropriated fund that collects revenue associated with billboard leases. These resources are allocated to Keep Cincinnati Beautiful (KCB) expenditures. The fund is currently 0.0% expended year to date. The Department of Public Services anticipates neither a savings nor a need in this fund.

**K. Community Health Center Activities Fund 395**

Community Health Center Activities Fund 395 is 41.9% expended year to date. The Cincinnati Health Department (CHD) projects potential personnel savings resulting from position vacancies. This will offset a projected need in non-personnel for temporary staffing services, nursing uniform allowances, and the unbudgeted repair and replacement of equipment. Community Health Center Activities Fund revenue is trending low due to the timing of Medicaid Maximization funds, which should be deposited in the spring.

**L. Cincinnati Health District Fund 416**

General operational support to the Cincinnati Health Department is provided by Cincinnati Health District Fund 416. This fund is 38.0% expended year to date. The Cincinnati Health Department (CHD) projects potential personnel savings resulting from position vacancies. This will offset a projected need in non-personnel for temporary staffing services, nursing uniform allowances, and unbudgeted repair expenses to clinic sites and other Health Department facilities.

**M. Cincinnati Area Geographic Information System (CAGIS) Fund 449**

Cincinnati Area Geographic Information System Fund 449 is 37.0% expended year to date. The Office of Performance and Data Analytics projects no budget savings or need at this time.

**N. Streetcar Operations Fund 455**

Streetcar Operations Fund 455 is 29.3% expended year to date. The Department of Transportation and Engineering projects a net need of \$138,000 related to unbudgeted personnel reimbursements and contractual services for utilities and Transdev. These needs are partially offset by a small personnel savings in the Traffic Services Bureau. These needs will be monitored closely.

**O. County Law Enforcement Applied Regionally (CLEAR) Fund 457**

The CLEAR Fund is 21.7% expended year to date. Enterprise Technology Solutions projects no budget savings or need for FY 2024.

**Summary**

Through December 31, 2023, major budget issues include overtime needs for both the Fire Department and Police Department, pending labor contracts for the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) employees and Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) employees, the structural imbalance in Parking Meter Fund 303, and lasting impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic related to supply chain issues. Departments have identified possible savings and shortfalls, which will continue to be monitored and updated monthly.

Submitted herewith are the following Office of Budget & Evaluation reports:

1. Fund Summary Report for the month ended December 31, 2023.

Submitted herewith are the following Department of Finance reports:

2. Comparative Statement of Revenue (Actual, Forecast and Prior Year) as of December 31, 2023.
3. Audit of the City Treasurer's Report for the month ended November 30, 2023.

4. Statement of Balances in the various funds as of December 31, 2023.

By approval of this report, City Council appropriates the revenues received in the various restricted funds on the attached Statement of Balances and as stated in greater detail on the records maintained by the Department of Finance, Division of Accounts & Audits. Such revenues are to be expended in accordance with the purposes for which the funds were established.

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