

May 19, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager *EM for PBM*

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Clark Schaefer Hackett Moral Obligation**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the payment of \$34,837 from the Audit and Examiner's Fees non-departmental, non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x941x0000x7289 as a moral obligation to Clark Schaefer Hackett for consulting and preparation assistance with the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the City of Cincinnati.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the payment of \$34,837 as a moral obligation to Clark Schaefer Hackett for consulting and preparation assistance with the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the City of Cincinnati. Due to COVID-19 and working remotely, two invoices inadvertently went unpaid while Clark Schaefer Hackett was still under contract with the City, which necessitates a moral obligation payment.

This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Finance Director to make a payment of \$34,837 from the Audit and Examiner's Fees non-departmental, non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x941x0000x7289, to Clark Schaefer Hackett as a moral obligation of the City of Cincinnati, for consulting and preparation assistance with the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the City of Cincinnati. Sufficient funds are available for this expense.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need for the Finance Department to timely pay Clark Schaefer Hackett for consulting and preparation assistance with the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment