

September 29, 2021

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council  
**From:** Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager  
**Subject:** Emergency Ordinance – ETS: Moral Obligation Payment to OARnet

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$57,000 as a moral obligation to The Ohio State University, doing business as the Ohio Academic Resources Network, for internet services and connectivity to the remote data center as part of the City's disaster recovery solution, and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to make payment of \$57,000 to the Ohio Academic Resources Network from the General Fund non-departmental Enterprise Software and Licenses non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x952x4500x7212.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the payment of \$57,000 as a moral obligation to The Ohio State University, doing business as (dba) the Ohio Academic Resources Network (OARnet), for services provided to the Department of Enterprise Technology Solutions (ETS) in relation to internet services and connectivity to the remote data center as part of the City's disaster recovery solution.

OARnet provided services to the City in Fiscal Year 2020 and Fiscal Year 2021 for which funds were not properly encumbered. Due to the timing of the encumbrance, a moral obligation payment is required. ETS has identified and resolved the issue which led to this oversight to avoid a similar situation in the future. Moving forward, the department intends to perform routine audits to ensure prompt payment of outstanding invoices.

This Emergency Ordinance will also authorize the Finance Director to make a payment from the General Fund non-departmental Enterprise Software and Licenses non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x952x4500x7212 in an amount of \$57,000 for the purpose of providing payment to the vendor.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to avoid service interruption by paying Ohio Academic Resources Network for past due charges invoiced to Enterprise Technology Solutions.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director  
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment