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Correspondence Sheet*

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TO: Mayor and Members of City Council

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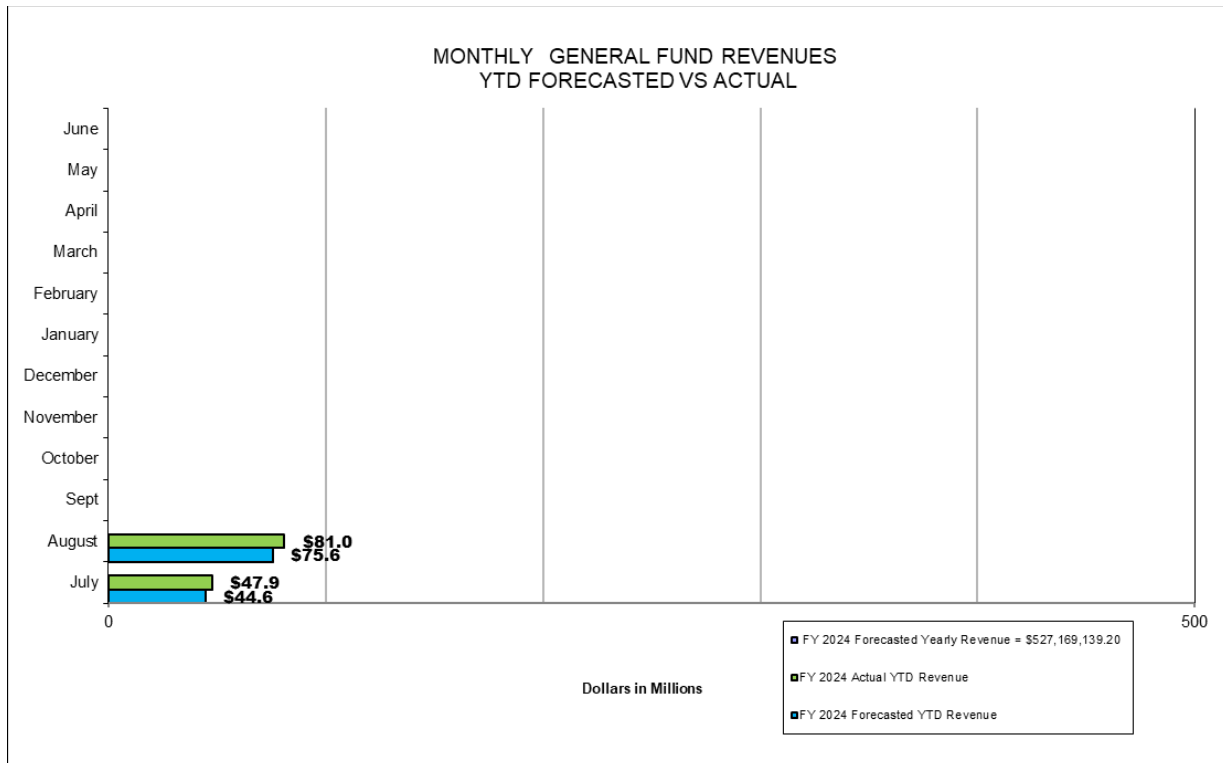
SUBJECT: Department of Finance Reports for the Month Ended August 31, 2023

**AUGUST 2023
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The following report provides an update on the City of Cincinnati’s financial condition as of the month ending August 31, 2023. This report represents the second report for the new 2024 fiscal year, ending June 30, 2024. Variances are based on current year estimates and prior year activity in attached schedules.

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

The chart below portrays the performance of actual revenue collected against the forecasted revenue collected through August 31, 2023 and shows that actual revenue of \$81 million was above forecasted revenue of \$75.6 million by \$5.4 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		(\$9,804)
City Income Tax	2,911,379	
Admissions Tax	1,322,632	
Short Term Rental Excise Tax	184,024	
Licenses & Permits	370,357	
Fines, Forfeitures, & Penalties		(\$654,669)
Investment Income		
Local Government	174,390	
Casino	175,821	
Police		(\$26,658)
Buildings and Inspections	131,262	
Fire	33,455	
Parking Meter		(\$200)
Other	826,997	
	6,130,318	(\$691,330)
Difference	5,438,987	

General Fund (favorable variance) is \$5.4 million above the amount forecasted through August in the FY 2024 Budget. This is the second month's report for the new fiscal year. What follows is an explanation of significant variances of individual General Fund revenue components.

Income Taxes (favorable variance) is \$2.9 million above the forecasted amount. This is only the second month of the new fiscal year and as such there is not enough data to discern any trends.

Admissions Tax (favorable variance) is up \$1.3 million from the forecasted amount. A large weekend concert that crossed months (June-July) contributed to the positive variance in this category.

Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties (unfavorable variance) is down \$655k from the forecasted amount. All categories seem to be trailing estimates. It is early in the fiscal year and Finance will keep watch on this category.

Other (favorable variance) is \$827k above the forecasted amount. This is largely a result of a grant being received this fiscal year instead of last fiscal year. Due to the large number of revenue sources in this category and their fluctuations the Finance Department will monitor these closely.

Restricted Funds:

Parking Systems Facilities (favorable variance) is up \$342k from the forecasted amount. This is a result of the large weekend concert that was highlighted in Admissions Tax.

The remaining Restricted Funds are at or close to estimates.

Submitted herewith are the following Department of Finance reports:

1. Comparative Statement of Revenue (Actual, Forecast and Prior Year) as of August 31, 2023.
2. Audit of the City Treasurer's Report for the month ended July 31, 2023.
3. Statement of Balances in the various funds as of August 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.

c: William "Billy" Weber, Assistant City Manager
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