

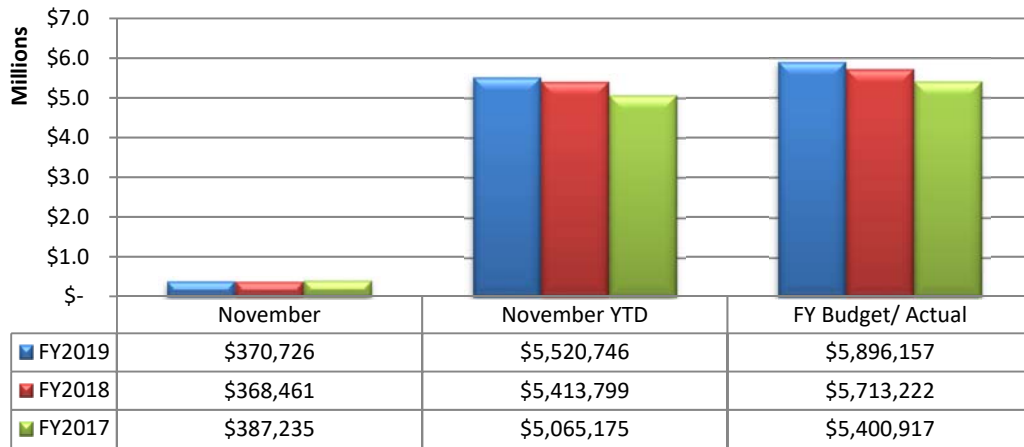


**City of Pataskala Finance Department**  
**James M. Nicholson, Finance Director**  
*Finance Director's Report to Council*

**Current Projects & Issues**

- **November 2019** – We are still posting transactions for the month of November, but I plan to have the books closed early next week. I am able to provide you with an update on the status of November income tax collections.
  - **Income Tax Revenue** - Collections for the month of November were \$370,726 and are \$2,265 (0.06%) higher than the November 2018 collections. Total year to-date collections are \$5.52 million and when compared to a November 2018 YTD total of \$5.41 million are \$106.9 thousand (1.98%) higher. This amount equates to 93.63% of the full-year budget, somewhat higher than the 91.67% straight-line rate if revenues were collected evenly throughout the year. In 2018, the November year to-date collections amount equated to 94.76% of full-year.

**Income Tax Collections - All Funds**



- **2020 Budget** – Now that Council has approved the 2020 budget, the next step is to load that information into the budgetary control system. At this time, the revenue budget has been successfully loaded. Loading the expense budget, however, is a bit more complicated as there are approximately 25 new general ledger accounts that must be individually created prior to loading the budget. I would anticipate completing the 2020 expense budget load by early-December.
- **Collective Bargaining** – We continue to meet with the FOP to negotiate a successor agreement for 2020-2022. The FOP has presented their initial economic and non-economic proposals for our review and consideration. I spent some time analyzing the financial impact of their economic proposals to the city and have shared this information with the city's negotiating team members. We finally have a negotiating session scheduled with the United Steelworkers (Public Service and Utility) on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Given the pending income tax ballot issue, most of the discussion with the FOP and OPBA will, for now, center mostly around non-economic issues and non-wage economic issues (other sources of compensation such as shift differential, longevity pay, etc.).