



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

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**Current Projects & Issues**

- **March 2021** –The financial results through March 31<sup>st</sup> have been compiled and summarized in the monthly Financial Condition Report, which was previously distributed and is currently available on the city's website. We've not yet received the April 2<sup>nd</sup>-half settlement from RITA, so I am unable to update Council on the status of the April income tax collections at this time.
- **2021 Financial Reporting & Audit** – We've completed nearly everything that is required to support the preparation of the 2020 GAAP accrual-based financial statements for the city and the 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The auditors were on-site the week of April 12<sup>th</sup> for several days to perform their fieldwork and testing.
- **Human Resources** – I continue to plan for the August retirement of Finance Manager Janice Smith. The position has been posted in the Columbus Dispatch, online recruiting websites (Monster, etc.) and professional organization websites (Ohio GFOA). The goal would be to bring the replacement onboard by early-May to ensure an adequate transition period. In addition, I am supporting the Planning & Zoning department in the recruiting of the Zoning Inspector position, as the current incumbent Steve Blake has announced that he is retiring on April 30<sup>th</sup>.