

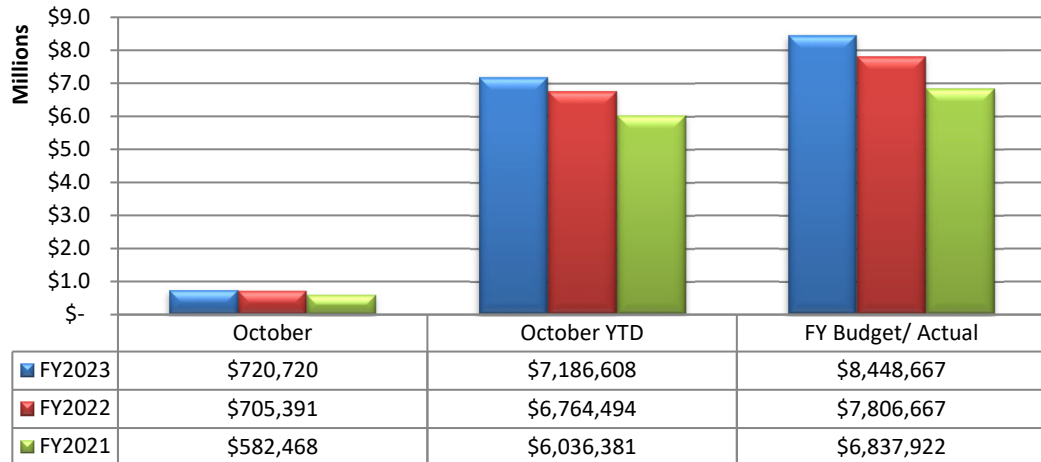


**City of Pataskala Finance Department**  
**James M. Nicholson, Finance Director**  
*Finance Director's Report to Council*

**Current Projects & Issues**

- **September/October 2023** – The financial results through September 30<sup>th</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 are still posting entries for the month of October. At this point in time, however, I can update Council on the preliminary status of October income tax collections.
  - **Income Tax Revenue** - Collections for the month of October were \$720,720 and are \$15.3 thousand (2.17%) higher than the October 2022 collections. This amount equates to 8.53% of the full-year budget, slightly above the 8.33% straight-line rate if revenues were to be collected evenly throughout the year. In 2022 this rate was 9.04%, and it was 8.52% in 2021. On a year-to-date basis, we have collected a total of \$7,186,608 in income tax revenues which is equal to 85.06% of budget. This is \$422.1 thousand (6.24%) higher than the same 10-month period in 2022 and is somewhat higher than the 83.33% straight-line rate if revenues were to be collected evenly throughout the year. In 2022, the October year to-date collections amount equaled 86.65% of full-year collections, and the rate was 88.28% in 2021.

**Income Tax Collections - All Funds**



- **2024 Budget** – The proposed budget ordinance and the formal budget book were presented to Council at the October 16<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Since then, a number of changes to the budget to the budget have been identified and have been incorporated into an amended version of Exhibit A to the legislation. I have provided more details about the proposed changes in my Legislative Report. Please know that we can still make any additional requested revisions at the November 6<sup>th</sup> Council meeting and still remain on the budget schedule, provided that Council formally amends the Exhibit A at the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- **Income Tax Code Changes** – Recently adopted Ohio HB 33 added language which requires all municipalities in Ohio to modify their income tax codes on or before December 31, 2023. We will be presenting an ordinance to Council shortly that will address all of the required changes. The specific changes include the following:
- *Age Exemption* – updates required to Definitions section and Annual Return section;
  - *Net Profit Allocation* – updates required to Imposition of Tax section;
  - *Net Profit Filing Extension Due Date* – updates required to Annual Return section;
  - *Correspondence* – updates required to Annual Return section;
  - *Late Filing Penalty* – updates required to Interest and Penalties section; and
  - *Opt-in Updates* – adopt Election to Be Subject to R.C. 718.80 to R.C. 718.95 if needed.

These changes have been addressed in Ordinance 2023-4460 which is set for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading at the November 6<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

- **2024 Health & Life Insurance Renewal**: Open enrollment (OE) for the 2024 health insurance program is scheduled the month of November. We are holding an optional all-employee meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup> to go over the entire benefits package as well as providing an opportunity for our employees to meet with representatives of Ohio Deferred Compensation and supplemental insurance carriers. We've already prepared and distributed the OE materials to employees and assist them in making any changes that they wish to make. For those who are not able to or do not wish to attend the meeting, we worked with our broker (USI) to create a 'Shark Brain' presentation that employees and spouses can log into and watch a video presentation of the materials. Here's a link and the QR code if you are interested in viewing the presentation:
- <https://www.brainshark.com/usi/vu?pi=zHpzgsa60zdHMxz0>

