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To: Mayor, Members of City Council and Administrator

From: Jason Carr, CPA, Finance Director

Date: October 20, 2022

RE: Finance Director Report

Recertification of Expenditure – Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D)

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D) provides no orders or contracts involving the expenditure of money are to be made unless there is a certificate of the fiscal officer that the amount required for the order or contract has been lawfully appropriated and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances. The statute provides the following exceptions to this basic requirement:

<u>Then and Now Certificate:</u> This exception provides that, if the fiscal officer can certify that both at the time that the contract or order was made and at the time that he is completing his certification, sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance, the taxing authority can authorize the drawing of a warrant. The taxing authority has 30 days from the receipt of such certificate to approve payment by resolution or ordinance. If approval is not made within 30 days, there is no legal liability on the part of the subdivision or taxing district.

Amounts of less than \$100 for counties, or less than \$3,000 for other political subdivisions, may be paid by the fiscal officer without such affirmation of the taxing authority upon completion of the "then and now" certificate, provided that the expenditure is otherwise lawful. This does not eliminate any otherwise applicable requirement for approval of expenditures by the taxing authority.

The following expenditure requires re-certification based on the expenditure exceeding \$3,000:

Check Date	Vendor	Check No.	Amount	Explanation
09/23/2022	Advanced Turf Solutions	D02716	\$3,171.00	Expenditure pertains to the Cart Path Replacement Program and management identified a less expensive option than previously approved per the contract. A purchase order was not approved prior to the materials being ordered.

Management hereby requests the following motion:

Motion to re-certify the expenditure identified in the Finance Director's Report in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D).