

## **General Fund Summary**

The general fund provides financial support for the city's basic services. Many divisions are funded solely by the general fund, others receive general fund subsidies, and others have multiple funding sources.

Revenues, excluding the unencumbered balance, encumbrance cancellations and transfers from other funds, are projected at \$701.3 million, an increase of 0.12 percent from 2011 revenue projections. A description of the major revenue sources of the general fund is provided below, followed by a revenue summary chart.

### **Income Tax**

The primary source of revenue to the general fund is the income tax. Columbus' income tax was first instituted in 1947 at 0.5 percent. Subsequent increases occurred in 1956, to 1.0 percent; in 1971, to 1.5 percent; in 1982, to 2.0 percent, and in 2009 to its current 2.5 percent.

The city levies an income tax on all wages, salaries, commissions, and other compensation paid to employees and on the net proceeds of business operations in the city. Pursuant to Columbus City Codes, Section 361.37, 75 percent of all income tax collections are deposited in the general fund for general fund operations and 25 percent of collections are deposited in a separate fund to service debt on capital improvements.

Approximately 85 percent of income taxes are collected through employer withholdings. Payments are made to the city on a statutorily prescribed basis.

The income tax is the largest source of revenue for general fund operations. In 2012, income tax revenues to the general fund are estimated at \$523.65 million, which is 71 percent of total general fund revenue. This represents a three percent growth over 2011 projections.

### **Property Tax**

The city annually receives property taxes equal to 3.14 mills of assessed tangible and real property and public utility, located in the city. Property taxes are collected by Franklin, Fairfield, and Delaware counties and are typically remitted to the city on a semi-annual basis. Collections are based on the prior year's assessed valuations, established by state law at 35 percent of appraised market value for real property and at 100 percent of true value for public utility property. Taxes are collected one year in arrears for real property.

Pursuant to Ohio statute and Columbus City Codes, property tax revenue is used for three purposes: certain debt service requirements, partial payment of police and fire pension costs, and general fund operations. State law requires that the first two obligations be met before property tax revenue can be deposited into the general fund for general operations. Because the city pays debt service on non-enterprise capital improvements from the special income tax (SIT) fund, property tax revenues are deposited directly in the general fund. The 2012 estimate for property tax collections is \$44.2 million, a decline of just under 7 percent from the 2011 projection.

## **Hotel-Motel Tax**

Columbus City Code Section 371.02 authorizes the levying of a six percent excise tax on room rates at hotels and motels located in the city. In 1988, 15 percent of the hotel-motel tax was repealed to allow the Convention Facilities Authority to use 0.9 percent of the total tax to finance construction of a convention center. In 1989, the city levied the 5.1 percent tax balance. Revenues are distributed in the following manner: 29.4 percent for the advancement of cultural development in the community; between 29.4 and 36.0 percent to promote the City of Columbus; 8.2 percent for emergency human service needs; 8.4 percent for deposit into the housing trust fund; and the balance deposited into the general fund without restriction. The 2012 projection for general fund hotel-motel tax receipts is \$3.7 million, an increase of 2.8 percent over 2011 projections.

## **Kilowatt-Hour Tax**

Beginning in 2001, a tax was levied on users of electricity provided by the Division of Electricity. Known as the kilowatt-hour (KWH) tax, state statutes provide for these monies collected from users located within the city to be deposited to the city's general fund. In 2012, fifty percent of KWH tax revenues will be deposited directly to the Electricity Enterprise Fund, leaving \$1.65 million for deposit to the general fund. This assumes a flat funding level from 2011.

## **Shared Revenues**

Local government fund (LGF) revenues represent portions of various State of Ohio taxes which are shared with local governments within the state. The local community funds, formerly known as the local government fund, and the local government revenue assistance fund are now combined as the local community funds from the State of Ohio. This category also includes the city's share of estate taxes and other smaller taxes. Total revenues are projected at \$37.1 million in 2012, a nearly 25 percent reduction from projected 2011 revenues.

## **Fines and Penalties**

The City of Columbus receives 100 percent of all municipal court costs and fines assessed in cases initiated by the city (other than those that have been earmarked for special purposes such as computerization of court functions), as well as fines assessed for traffic and parking violations. In addition, the city receives a percentage of court costs and fines assessed in cases initiated by the state, county or other municipalities and tried in the Franklin County Municipal Court. Revenues from fines and penalties are projected at \$18.5 million in 2012, a slight decrease of 0.7 percent from projected 2011 collections.

## **Charges for Service**

Sources of revenue in this category include pro rata charges, third party reimbursements for emergency medical services, parking meter revenues and other parking charges, and revenue from various divisions that charge for services. These include auto impounding fees, sales of impounded autos, certain fire protection and dispatching service charges, and revenue from the collection of income taxes and prosecution services for other

municipalities and villages. Total revenues from charges for service are projected at \$56.87 million in 2012, a 2.26 percent increase over 2011 estimates.

Pursuant to Ordinance 2956-96, all independent funds are assessed an administrative service charge of 4.5 percent of revenues, the proceeds of which are deposited into the general fund. This charge, referred to as “pro rata”, represents a fee for certain services performed by administrative divisions for enterprise, special revenue, grant and internal service divisions, and for which no specific service charge is assessed. Services include, but are not limited to, debt administration and budget preparation provided by the Finance and Management Department, legal services provided by the City Attorney, financial reporting and assistance provided by the City Auditor, and maintenance and cleaning services provided by the Division of Facilities Management.

### **Investment Earnings**

Investment earnings are deposited into the fund in which they were earned. The Treasury Investment Board, consisting of the City Treasurer, City Auditor, and the Finance and Management Director, is responsible for investing the city's liquid assets. In order to ensure the credit-worthiness of the investment of public monies, federal statutes restrict municipal investment to U.S. government securities, bank certificates of deposit, and repurchase agreements. General fund investment earnings are projected to yield \$4 million in 2012.

### **License and Permit Fees**

This category consists primarily of cable communications fees and fees charged by the Department of Public Safety for the issuance and enforcement of City of Columbus licenses and permits. The city charges cable companies a service permit fee for the ability to operate a cable system in the City of Columbus, equal to five percent of cable operator gross revenues. Fees in this category are estimated at \$10.3 million in 2012, of which Cable TV permits are expected to be approximately \$9.3 million.

### **Other Revenue**

This category includes various unclaimed funds, refunds and miscellaneous revenue. The 2012 estimate is \$1.4 million.

### **Encumbrance Cancellations**

These funds represent monies set aside in prior fiscal years for expenditures that subsequently were not made. Funds then can be made available for use through the cancellation of encumbrances. The estimate for 2012 is \$1.6 million.

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GENERAL FUND REVENUE BY SOURCE AND YEAR HISTORICAL AND PROJECTED 2008 - 2012											
SOURCE	2008 ACTUAL	PERCENT CHANGE	2009 ACTUAL	PERCENT CHANGE	2010 ACTUAL	PERCENT CHANGE	2011 PROJECTED	PERCENT CHANGE	2012 PROJECTED	PERCENT CHANGE	2012 PERCENT OF TOTAL
Income Tax	\$ 389,117,331	-0.53%	\$ 385,893,203	-0.83%	\$ 478,007,153	23.87%	\$ 508,400,000	6.36%	\$ 523,650,000	3.00%	71.12%
Property Tax	51,435,378	-0.33%	51,354,472	-0.16%	51,222,426	-0.26%	47,531,000	-7.21%	44,227,000	-6.95%	6.01%
Kilowatt Hour Tax	3,365,494	-2.43%	3,233,877	-3.91%	3,284,329	1.56%	1,650,000	-49.76%	1,650,000	0.00%	0.22%
Hotel/Motel Tax	3,597,542	-1.38%	3,119,446	-13.29%	3,377,838	8.28%	3,600,000	6.58%	3,700,000	2.78%	0.50%
<b>TOTAL TAXES</b>	<b>447,515,745</b>	<b>-0.53%</b>	<b>443,600,998</b>	<b>-0.87%</b>	<b>535,891,746</b>	<b>20.80%</b>	<b>561,181,000</b>	<b>4.72%</b>	<b>573,227,000</b>	<b>2.15%</b>	<b>77.86%</b>
Local Government Fund	46,942,285	-0.70%	40,348,261	-14.05%	40,672,985	0.80%	40,370,000	-0.74%	28,426,000	-29.59%	3.86%
Estate Tax	10,342,393	35.33%	8,149,168	-21.21%	7,681,025	-5.74%	7,900,000	2.85%	7,500,000	-5.06%	1.02%
Liquor Permit Fee, Other	1,139,293	0.10%	1,131,775	-0.66%	1,194,582	5.55%	1,132,000	-5.24%	1,130,000	-0.18%	0.15%
<b>TOTAL SHARED REVENUE</b>	<b>58,423,971</b>	<b>4.23%</b>	<b>49,629,204</b>	<b>-15.05%</b>	<b>49,548,592</b>	<b>-0.16%</b>	<b>49,402,000</b>	<b>-0.30%</b>	<b>37,056,000</b>	<b>-24.99%</b>	<b>5.03%</b>
License and Permit Fees	9,231,736	7.76%	9,654,066	4.57%	9,958,061	3.15%	10,247,000	2.90%	10,290,000	0.42%	1.40%
Fines and Penalties	21,403,177	0.42%	22,095,545	3.23%	19,375,824	-12.31%	18,579,000	-4.11%	18,459,000	-0.65%	2.51%
Investment Earnings	24,923,854	-19.46%	6,408,932	-74.29%	3,595,212	-43.90%	3,900,000	8.48%	4,000,000	2.56%	0.54%
Charges for Service	53,625,518	14.76%	54,694,107	1.99%	52,799,216	-3.46%	55,616,000	5.33%	56,871,000	2.26%	7.72%
All Other	9,207,047	372.56%	1,918,325	-79.16%	1,630,772	-14.99%	1,558,000	-4.46%	1,400,000	-10.14%	0.19%
<b>TOTAL OTHER REVENUES</b>	<b>118,391,332</b>	<b>8.12%</b>	<b>94,770,975</b>	<b>-19.95%</b>	<b>87,359,085</b>	<b>-7.82%</b>	<b>89,900,000</b>	<b>2.91%</b>	<b>91,020,000</b>	<b>1.25%</b>	<b>12.36%</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL REVENUES</b>	<b>624,331,048</b>	<b>1.45%</b>	<b>588,001,177</b>	<b>-5.82%</b>	<b>672,799,423</b>	<b>14.42%</b>	<b>700,483,000</b>	<b>4.11%</b>	<b>701,303,000</b>	<b>0.12%</b>	<b>95.25%</b>
Encumbrance Cancellations	2,693,177	-54.63%	1,413,888	-47.50%	1,124,676	-20.46%	1,681,000	49.47%	1,608,503	-4.31%	0.22%
Unencumbered Balance	17,277,690	-34.45%	25,676	-99.85%	3,278,792	12669.87%	23,646,000	621.18%	31,773,497	34.37%	4.32%
Fund Transfers	7,716,112	7600.86%	30,866,168	300.02%	793,529	-97.43%	1,690,000	112.97%	1,590,000	-5.92%	0.22%
Other Misc. Transfers	-		-		-		-		-		
<b>Total Annual Resources</b>	<b>652,018,027</b>	<b>0.65%</b>	<b>620,306,909</b>	<b>-4.86%</b>	<b>677,996,420</b>	<b>9.30%</b>	<b>727,500,000</b>	<b>7.30%</b>	<b>736,275,000</b>	<b>1.21%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
27th Pay Period Reserve Fund	1,225,074	-92.90%	2,976,074	142.93%	4,762,074	60.01%	6,762,074	42.00%	8,822,074	30.46%	
Economic Stabilization Fund	40,104,652	-9.84%	9,866,739	-75.40%	22,723,884	130.31%	33,023,884	45.33%	40,243,884	21.86%	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND AVAILABLE RESOURCES</b>	<b>\$ 693,347,753</b>	<b>-2.29%</b>	<b>\$ 633,149,722</b>	<b>-8.68%</b>	<b>\$ 705,482,378</b>	<b>11.42%</b>	<b>\$ 767,285,958</b>	<b>8.76%</b>	<b>\$ 785,340,958</b>	<b>2.35%</b>	

**Expenditures and Personnel**

The following tables provide summary detail on general fund expenditures and personnel levels.

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GENERAL FUND 2012 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY BY OBJECT LEVEL ONE							
Department/Division	Personnel	Materials	Services	Other	Capital	Transfers	Totals
City Council	\$ 3,029,637	\$ 21,544	\$ 240,945	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,292,126
<b>City Auditor</b>							
City Auditor	2,676,008	24,500	758,526	-	-	-	3,459,034
Income Tax	7,096,769	73,000	1,125,941	-	-	-	8,295,710
Total	9,772,777	97,500	1,884,467	-	-	-	11,754,744
City Treasurer	926,153	3,200	102,711	-	-	-	1,032,064
<b>City Attorney</b>							
City Attorney	10,280,986	69,233	352,880	-	-	-	10,703,099
Real Estate	212,038	-	-	-	-	-	212,038
Total	10,493,024	69,233	352,880	-	-	-	10,915,137
Municipal Court Judges	14,110,315	41,900	1,045,745	-	-	-	15,197,960
Municipal Court Clerk	9,837,313	118,585	749,896	-	-	-	10,705,794
Civil Service	3,074,943	22,678	328,133	-	-	-	3,425,754
<b>Public Safety</b>							
Administration	1,362,630	10,367	7,054,042	-	-	150,000	8,577,039
Support Services	4,629,953	467,175	1,174,717	1,000	-	-	6,272,845
Police	250,617,226	4,588,612	14,262,657	225,000	-	3,110,697	272,804,192
Fire	200,756,899	4,483,415	11,134,435	200,000	-	631,121	217,205,870
Total	457,366,708	9,549,569	33,625,851	426,000	-	3,891,818	504,859,946
<b>Mayor's Office</b>							
Mayor	2,025,365	13,184	67,560	-	-	-	2,106,109
Community Relations	685,231	4,600	64,579	-	-	-	754,410
Equal Business Opportunity	797,312	3,030	65,368	-	-	-	865,710
Total	3,507,908	20,814	197,507	-	-	-	3,726,229
<b>Development</b>							
Administration	2,864,935	47,199	3,550,904	-	-	21,000	6,484,038
Econ. Development	382,760	6,950	4,161,124	-	-	-	4,550,834
Code Enforcement	5,393,644	53,700	908,688	10,000	-	-	6,366,032
Planning	1,467,224	18,200	155,507	-	-	-	1,640,931
Housing	196,286	2,500	3,743,178	-	-	-	3,941,964
Total	10,304,849	128,549	12,519,401	10,000	-	21,000	22,983,799
<b>Finance and Management</b>							
Finance Administration	1,688,330	7,902	170,385	-	-	-	1,866,617
Financial Management	2,576,390	14,265	1,495,181	-	-	-	4,085,836
Facilities Management	5,724,884	394,800	9,888,257	15,750	-	-	16,023,691
Total	9,989,604	416,967	11,553,823	15,750	-	-	21,976,144
Fleet- General Fund Vehicles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Finance City-wide	-	-	-	-	-	26,932,339	26,932,339
Finance Technology (Pays gf agency bills)	-	-	13,367,465	-	-	-	13,367,465
Human Resources	1,207,903	55,175	128,249	-	-	-	1,391,327
Health	-	-	-	-	-	19,740,623	19,740,623
Recreation and Parks	-	-	-	-	-	30,321,376	30,321,376
<b>Public Service</b>							
Administration	2,732,684	5,099	21,155	-	-	-	2,758,938
Refuse Collection	14,003,287	117,160	12,796,399	101,500	7,500	-	27,025,846
Mobility Options	2,919,011	31,814	1,122,064	19,500	-	-	4,092,389
Total	19,654,982	154,073	13,939,618	121,000	7,500	-	33,877,173
<b>Total General Operating Fund</b>	<b>\$ 553,276,116</b>	<b>\$ 10,699,787</b>	<b>\$ 90,036,691</b>	<b>\$ 572,750</b>	<b>\$ 7,500</b>	<b>\$ 80,907,156</b>	<b>\$ 735,500,000</b>

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GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE AND BUDGET SUMMARY					
	2009 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2010 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2011 <u>PROJECTED</u>	2012 <u>Budget</u>	% <u>CHANGE</u>
City Council	\$ 2,935,865	\$ 3,288,362	\$ 4,205,560	\$ 3,292,126	-21.72%
<b>City Auditor</b>					
City Auditor	3,032,808	3,197,632	3,368,152	3,459,034	2.70%
Income Tax	6,918,799	7,091,543	7,801,943	8,295,710	6.33%
Total	<u>9,951,607</u>	<u>10,289,175</u>	<u>11,170,095</u>	<u>11,754,744</u>	5.23%
City Treasurer	928,450	919,120	972,657	1,032,064	6.11%
<b>City Attorney</b>					
City Attorney	10,075,531	10,035,091	10,332,403	10,703,099	3.59%
Real Estate	186,010	255,619	211,795	212,038	0.11%
Total	<u>10,261,541</u>	<u>10,290,710</u>	<u>10,544,198</u>	<u>10,915,137</u>	3.52%
Municipal Court Judges	13,769,380	14,011,105	14,633,721	15,197,960	3.86%
Municipal Court Clerk	10,163,387	10,115,154	10,463,512	10,705,794	2.32%
Civil Service	2,796,366	3,097,227	3,469,719	3,425,754	-1.27%
<b>Public Safety</b>					
Administration	7,620,845	5,547,893	6,783,178	8,577,039	26.45%
Support Services	5,110,962	5,441,117	5,362,004	6,272,845	16.99%
Police	245,954,134	251,661,554	264,432,664	272,804,192	3.17%
Fire	190,164,511	204,385,274	212,529,621	217,205,870	2.20%
Total	<u>448,850,452</u>	<u>467,035,838</u>	<u>489,107,467</u>	<u>504,859,946</u>	3.22%
<b>Mayor's Office</b>					
Mayor	1,789,110	1,699,145	1,788,785	2,106,109	17.74%
Community Relations	703,205	655,227	695,444	754,410	8.48%
Equal Business Opportunity	638,207	667,611	649,473	865,710	33.29%
Office of Education	72,417	-	-	-	0.00%
Total	<u>3,202,939</u>	<u>3,021,983</u>	<u>3,133,702</u>	<u>3,726,229</u>	18.91%
<b>Development</b>					
Administration	4,133,602	5,613,733	5,647,418	6,484,038	14.81%
Economic Development	4,510,545	6,090,983	9,474,463	4,550,834	-51.97%
Code Enforcement	4,033,544	5,056,634	5,578,488	6,366,032	14.12%
Planning	1,337,764	1,351,407	1,736,026	1,640,931	-5.48%
Neighborhood Services	1,435,958	-	-	-	0.00%
Housing	2,869,276	3,694,880	3,524,395	3,941,964	11.85%
Total	<u>18,320,689</u>	<u>21,807,637</u>	<u>25,960,790</u>	<u>22,983,799</u>	-11.47%
<b>Finance and Management</b>					
Finance Administration	1,938,021	1,745,199	1,580,337	1,866,617	18.12%
Financial Management	3,887,607	3,583,199	3,511,915	4,085,836	16.34%
Facilities Management	13,415,873	13,387,881	14,036,789	16,023,691	14.15%
Total	<u>19,241,501</u>	<u>18,716,279</u>	<u>19,129,041</u>	<u>21,976,144</u>	14.88%
Citywide Technology	11,554,497	12,810,959	12,546,296	13,367,465	6.55%
Finance City-wide	1,751,000	9,286,000	12,700,000	26,932,339	112.07%
Fleet- General Fund Vehicles (Non Safety)	221,921	1,000,000	1,579,741	-	-100.00%
Human Resources	1,286,749	1,537,765	1,700,687	1,391,327	-18.19%
Citywide Severance Plan	1,675,875	512,501	-	-	
Health	15,864,837	15,824,118	18,250,827	19,740,623	8.16%
Recreation and Parks	21,175,580	23,382,410	26,435,884	30,321,376	14.70%
<b>Public Service</b>					
Administration	2,029,759	1,995,849	2,521,973	2,758,938	9.40%
Refuse Collection	18,192,271	22,463,477	23,860,293	27,025,846	13.27%
Mobility Options	2,852,954	2,944,585	3,340,339	4,092,389	22.51%
Total	<u>23,074,984</u>	<u>27,403,911</u>	<u>29,722,605</u>	<u>33,877,173</u>	13.98%
<b>Total General Operating Fund</b>	<b>\$ 617,027,620</b>	<b>\$ 654,350,254</b>	<b>\$ 695,726,503</b>	<b>\$ 735,500,000</b>	5.72%

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<b>GENERAL FUND PERSONNEL SUMMARY</b>				
	<b>2009 Actual</b>	<b>2010 Actual</b>	<b>2011 Budgeted</b>	<b>2012 Budgeted</b>
City Council	33	33	38	38
<b>City Auditor</b>				
City Auditor	26	24	34	34
Income Tax	71	74	82	82
<b>Total</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>116</b>
City Treasurer	10	10	12	12
<b>City Attorney</b>				
City Attorney	105	104	135	135
Real Estate	1	2	6	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>141</b>
Municipal Court Judges	175	174	184	184
Municipal Court Clerk	147	149	172	172
Civil Service	32	28	33	34
<b>Public Safety</b>				
Administration	9	10	10	11
Support Services	49	47	50	50
Police- Non Uniformed	300	296	317	325
Police- Uniformed <sup>(1)</sup>	1,872	1,909	1,911	1,929
Fire- Non Uniformed	37	36	36	36
Fire- Uniformed <sup>(2)</sup>	1,497	1,557	1,567	1,563
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,764</b>	<b>3,855</b>	<b>3,891</b>	<b>3,914</b>
<b>Mayor's Office</b>				
Mayor	14	14	15	18
Community Relations	7	6	7	8
Equal Business Opportunity	7	7	8	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Development</b>				
Administration	25	23	24	25
Code Enforcement	55	55	61	63
Economic Development	3	3	3	3
Planning	14	14	15	15
Housing	1	2	2	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>109</b>
<b>Finance and Management</b>				
Administration	20	19	21	24
Financial Management	25	25	26	27
Facilities Management	71	69	73	73
<b>Total</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>124</b>
Human Resources	11	9	10	10
<b>Public Service</b>				
Administration	29	29	32	33
Refuse Collection	156	167	182	182
Mobility Options	33	35	38	39
<b>Total</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>254</b>
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>4,835</b>	<b>4,930</b>	<b>5,104</b>	<b>5,144</b>

2009 and 2010 are year-end actuals, while 2011 and 2012 are budgeted.

<sup>(1)</sup> Actual Uniformed Police 2009 includes 23 members of the 114th Academy class which was partially funded by a JAG (Byrne) grant. Actual and Budgeted numbers in 2010-2012 include the use of a COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) Grant for 50 personnel.

<sup>(2)</sup> 2010 Uniformed Actual includes a recruit class of 51 who entered the Academy on 12/27/10 and are included on the payroll ending 01/1/11.



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## CITY OF COLUMBUS OHIO

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November 1, 2011

Mayor Michael B. Coleman  
President Andrew Ginther and  
Members of Council  
City Hall  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Mayor Coleman, President Ginther, and Members of Council:

Available Resources for the City of Columbus General Operating Fund (Fund No. 10) for calendar year 2012 are estimated to be

\$736,275,000

Included in these estimated Resources for 2012 is an estimated carry over fund balance from 2011 of \$31.773 million.

Resolution No. 178X-2009 states "That the cash balance of the Economic Stabilization Fund (Rainy Day fund) shall reach \$50 million by the end of 2014." It is estimated the Rainy Day fund balance at December 31, 2011 will be approximately \$32.9 million.

Attached are additional data and comments regarding General Operating Fund (Fund No. 10) resources.

I trust these comments are helpful to you in your deliberations. Please feel welcome to call if you should have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Hugh J. Dorrian  
City Auditor

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Taxes:		
Income tax (Note 1)	\$ 523,650,000	
Property tax (Note 2)	44,227,000	
Kilo Watt Hour tax equivalent (Note 3)	1,650,000	
Hotel-Motel Tax (Note 4)	<u>3,700,000</u>	573,227,000
Shared revenues:		
Local community funds via County (Note 5)	23,776,000	
Local government funds via State (Note 5)	4,650,000	
Estate tax	7,500,000	
Liquor permit fees and other	<u>1,130,000</u>	37,056,000
Investment earnings (Note 6)		4,000,000
Charges for services:		
Administrative charges to non-general fund divisions (Note 7)	26,180,000	
Parking meters, lots and permits	3,460,000	
Fire division including EMS fees (Note 8)	17,670,000	
Police division (Note 9)	6,300,000	
All other charges for services (Note 10)	<u>3,261,000</u>	56,871,000
Fines, forfeitures, and penalties:		
Municipal court (Note 11)	12,159,000	
Parking violations bureau (Note 11)	<u>6,300,000</u>	18,459,000
Licenses and permit fees:		
Cable TV and others (Note 12)		10,290,000
Other receipts (Note 13)		1,400,000
Transfers from other funds (Note 14)		1,590,000
Total estimated current resources for 2012		<u>702,893,000</u>
Estimated prior years' encumbrance cancellations		1,608,503
Estimated prior year end fund balance (Note 15)		<u>31,773,497</u>
Total estimated available resources for calendar year 2012		<u>\$736,275,000</u>

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Note 1 Income tax collections for 2012, after providing for refunds to taxpayers, are estimated at \$698.200 million. One fourth of the collections will be deposited to a debt service fund, more commonly known as the "income tax set-aside" fund. The remaining three fourths of the collections, approximately \$523.650 million, will be deposited to the City's General Operating Fund.

Note 2 The City's share of taxes collected in 2012 attributable to real, personal, and public utility properties is estimated at \$44.227 million, net of an estimated \$1.300 million retained by the counties and the state for certain of their costs. Amounts paid directly to the City from the State of Ohio, known as "rollbacks", are included herein. The City must use .60 mills of this tax toward the partial payment of police and fire pension costs.

Note 3 Beginning in 2001 a tax was permitted to be levied on users of electricity provided by the City's Division of Electricity. Known as the kilo watt hour (kWh) tax, state statutes provide for these monies applicable to users located within the City to be deposited to the City's General Operating Fund. A portion of the equivalency of the tax, since the tax is not actually levied, is transferred from the City's Electricity enterprise to the General Operating Fund: estimated at \$1.650 million in 2012.

Note 4 Chapter 371 of the Columbus City Code establishes the hotel/motel tax and directs its distribution. Estimated collection of the tax in 2012 and its distribution is as follows.

	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>Estimated Amount</u>
General Fund of the City of Columbus	1.25%	24.51%	\$ 3,700,000
Experience Columbus	1.50	29.41	4,440,000
Cultural services for community enrichment	1.50	29.41	4,440,000
Emergency Human Services Fund of the City	.42	8.24	1,245,000
Columbus/Franklin County Affordable Housing Trust Corporation	<u>.43</u>	<u>8.43</u>	<u>1,275,000</u>
Total	<u>5.10%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 15,100,000</u>

Any amendments to existing legislation will result in changes to the above distribution.

Note 5 Shared revenues include portions of the various State of Ohio taxes which are shared with local governments within the State. The Local Community funds, formerly known as the Local Government funds and Local Government Revenue Assistance funds are now combined as the Local Community funds from the State via the County. It is estimated that these shared taxes will provide \$23.776 million. Additionally, approximately \$4.650 million will be received by the City directly from the State.

The estimated amounts for 2012 represent reductions of \$10.1 million in the Local Community Fund and \$1.8 million in the Local Government Fund compared to estimated amounts to be received in 2011.

Note 6 Investment earnings are initially deposited to the treasury investment earnings fund. Pursuant to various ordinances and resolutions of Council, portions of these earnings are then allocated to the City's water, sewer, electricity and certain other funds. After such allocations, \$4.000 million is estimated to remain available for the General Operating Fund.

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- Note 7 Administrative charges to non General Operating Fund divisions represent certain operating costs initially borne by the General Operating Fund and then partially allocated to other funds of the City. Ordinance No. 0085-2002, adopted January 28, 2002, calls for an assessment rate of 4.5% of the revenues of the funds assessed; resulting in revenues to the General Operating Fund of approximately \$26.180 million.
- Note 8 Fire division charges for services include fees for Emergency Medical Transportation Services, estimated at \$14.300 million for 2012. Also included and estimated at \$1.845 million are charges for services rendered to suburban communities, fire prevention inspection fees of \$1.500 million and other miscellaneous charges of \$25,000 for a total of \$17.670 million.
- Note 9 Police division charges for services, include charges for policing schools, auto impounding fees, sales of impounded autos and various other police services for a total of \$6.300 million.
- Note 10 All other charges for services in the total amount of \$3.261 million include amounts estimated from services provided to others for which the City charges. Services provided by, and the estimated charges are: City Attorney (\$1.200 million), City Auditor (\$350,000), Communications (\$475,000), City Sealer (\$300,000), and miscellaneous other charges (\$936,000).
- Note 11 Fines, forfeitures, court costs, etc., resulting from operations of the Franklin County Municipal Court should produce approximately \$12.159 million. The City's Parking Violations Bureau will collect approximately \$6.300 million in parking ticket fines.
- Note 12 Various licenses and permits issued primarily via the Department of Public Safety will produce approximately \$1.290 million. Cable TV permits will produce approximately \$9.000 million.
- Note 13 All other receipts amounting to \$1.400 million include \$560,000 of reimbursement from Franklin County for a portion of Court bailiffs' costs and \$840,000 of miscellaneous revenues and transfers.
- Note 14 Transfers from other funds (\$1.590 million) represent 25% sharing by the Income tax set aside fund of job incentive programs paid by the City's General Operating Fund. Total payments estimated by the City's Department of Development are \$6.360 million.
- Note 15 Available resources for the General Operating Fund for 2011 are now estimated at \$727.500 million. Expenditures and transfers from the General Operating Fund for 2011 were estimated by the Department of Finance at \$695.727 million; which includes a transfer to the Economic Stabilization (Rainy Day) Fund of \$10.0 million. The estimated fund balance of the General Operating fund at December 31, 2011, therefore, is \$31.773 million.

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