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### **Action Items**

**The Finance Department has no action items for Committee on July 27<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Update Items**

#### **Update Item #1-Strategic Plan Update**

After the informative interview sessions with Strategic Planning Facilitation firms on July 13<sup>th</sup>, the Administration is working to finalize recommendations for Council action. A final project recommendation and contract(s) will be brought forward on the August 10<sup>th</sup> committee for Council discussion.

#### **Update Item #2-Quarterly Financial Report**

The Finance Department will bring the Q2 financial report along with updated performance measures and a status update on the Lean Gahanna program at the August 10<sup>th</sup> committee meeting.

#### **Update Item #3-House Bill 5/Municipal Tax Uniformity**

Sweeping changes to the administration of municipal income tax will go into effect on January 1, 2016. These changes are courtesy of the Ohio General Assembly's passage, and Governor Kasich's signing into law, of Substitute House Bill Number 5 (130th General Assembly). As a result of these changes we must adopt a new municipal income tax ordinance no later than December 31, 2015 to be effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2016. Gahanna's current income tax ordinance will remain in effect for tax years ending on or before December 31, 2015.

The Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) has worked closely with the legislature, Ohio Municipal League, and legal counsel to draft a new Model Income Tax Ordinance that is compliant with the many required changes. They have provided this model code, along with guides on how to customize it appropriately for each jurisdiction's needs, to each RITA city this week. The Finance Department is working along with the City Attorney on this undertaking, and we anticipate having a draft of the revised code chapter for Council committee in late August or early September.