



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 06/18/2024

ITEM NO: 3

DATE: June 10, 2024
TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Receive the Monthly Financial and Investment Report for April 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the Monthly Financial and Investment Report for April 2024.

BACKGROUND:

California Government Code Section 41004 requires that the Town Treasurer submit to the Town Clerk and the legislative body a written report and accounting of all receipts, disbursements, and fund balances. The Finance Director assumes the Town Treasurer role.

Attachment 1 contains the April 2024 Monthly Financial and Investment Report which fulfills this requirement. The April 2024 Monthly Financial and Investment Report will be received by the Finance Commission at their September 9, 2024 meeting.

DISCUSSION:

The April 2024 Monthly Financial and Investment Report includes a Fund Balance Schedule, representing estimated funding available for all funds at the end of the respective month. The fund balances were estimated at a point in time and will be finalized at the final close of the fiscal year.

Please note that the amount in the Fund Schedule differs from the Portfolio Allocation and Treasurer's Cash Fund Balances Summary schedule because assets and liabilities are components of the fund balance.

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Reviewed by: Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Finance Director

DISCUSSION (continued):

As illustrated in the summary below, Total Cash is adjusted by the addition of Total Assets less the amount of Total Liabilities to arrive at the Ending Fund Balance – which represents the actual amount of funds available.

Reconciling Cash to Fund Balance - April 30, 2024		
Total Cash	\$	80,969,252
Plus: Assets	\$	12,438,853
Less: Liabilities	\$	(29,619,426)
Estimated Fund Balance	\$	63,788,679

As of April 30, 2024, the Town's financial position (Assets \$93.41M, Liabilities \$29.62M, and Fund Equity \$63.79M) remains strong and there are no issues meeting financial obligations in the near future.

As of April 30, 2024, the Town's weighted portfolio yield for investments under management was 4.37% which was 10 basis points above the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) yield of 4.27% for the same reporting period. Currently, the LAIF portfolio's weighted average maturity (WAM) is 227 days versus the Town's longer WAM of 657 days. The longer maturity (WAM) for Town assets under management reflects the Town's strategy to take advantage of higher yields associated with longer maturities balanced with shorter term yields available on investments held with the State's LAIF. The Town's weighted average rate of return on investments under management of 4.37% at the close of April was 3 basis points higher when compared to the prior month's return of 4.34% reported as of March 31, 2024.

Since April 2023, LAIF yields had climbed from 287 basis points (2.87%) to 427 basis points (4.27%) through the end of April 2024.

Staff, in coordination with the Town's investment advisor, primarily replaced maturing investments with long term maturities in the four-to-five-year maturity range. These investments capture current yields that exceed the rates expected to be earned in the LAIF pool during that same time period. The State LAIF pool typically lags the market when current market yields are either increasing or decreasing.

On March 22, 2023, the Federal Reserve voted to approve a ¼ percentage basis point increase from 4.75% to 5.00%. This action was followed with additional hikes in May 2023 from 5.00% to 5.25% and July from 5.25 % to 5.5 %. Through these actions over time, the Federal Open Market Committee's (FOMC) goal is to bring year to year inflation to its targeted level of 2%.

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The US economy added 303,000 jobs in March, stronger than consensus expectations of 214,000. The participation rate edged up from 62.5% to 62.7% and the unemployment rate fell slightly from 3.9% to 3.8%. Wage growth fell from 4.3% to 4.1%. However, the employment cost index (ECI), the fed's preferred measure of labor costs, came in at 1.2% in Q1 from 0.9% in Q4 (stalling at 4.2% per annum), higher than the market expected and the firmest quarterly ECI print since Q3 2022.

The Town's investments are in compliance with the Town's Investment Policy dated May 21, 2024, and also in compliance with the requirements of Section 53600 at seq. of the California State Code. Based on the information available, the Town has sufficient funds to meet the cash demands for the next six months.

CONCLUSION:

Receive Monthly Financial and Investment Report for April 2024.

Attachment:

1. Financial and Investment Report (April 2024)