## **CITY OF IOWA CITY**

# QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT

October 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

**Finance Department** 

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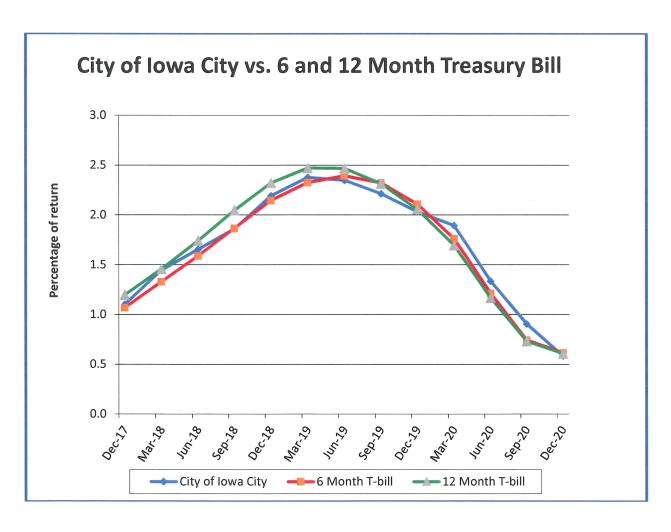
### **OVERVIEW**

The City of Iowa City's investment objectives are safety, liquidity and yield. The primary objective of the City of Iowa City's investment activities is the preservation of capital and the protection of investment principal. The City's investment portfolio remains sufficiently liquid to enable the City to meet operating requirements that cash management procedures anticipate.

Investments purchased by the City of Iowa City for the second quarter of this fiscal year had an average return of 0.399%. Rates on new investment purchases in our operating cash portfolio for the second quarter were 141 basis points lower than investments purchased at this time last year. The decrease is due to the decline in the federal reserve target rate from 1.75% to 0.25%.

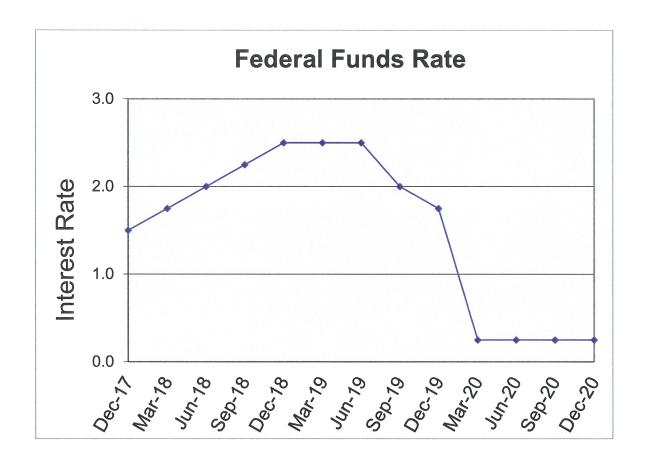
In investing public funds, the City's cash management portfolio is designed with the objective of regularly exceeding the average return on the six-month U.S. Treasury Bill. The Treasury Bill is considered a benchmark for riskless investment transactions and therefore comprises a minimum standard for the portfolio's rate of return. Since the city's investments are mostly between the six- month and twelve-month range, the yield curve for the twelve-month U.S. Treasury Bill has been added to the chart. The rolling average return on the six-month U.S. Treasury Bill for the prior 365 days was 0.617% and the twelve-month return was 0.609%. The investment program seeks to achieve returns above this threshold, consistent with risk limitations and prudent investment principles. The rate of return on the City's entire portfolio for the quarter was 0.586%.

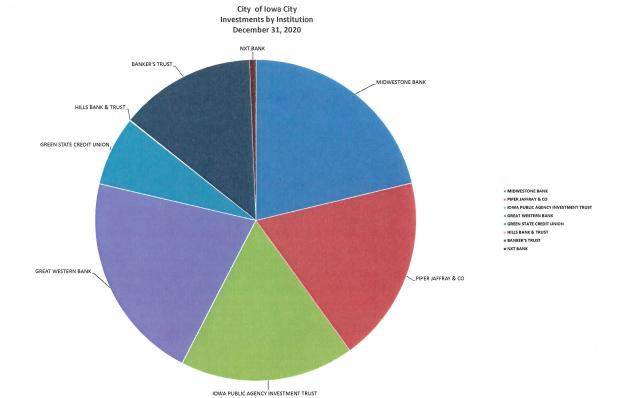
Investments for this year are \$69,229,318 lower than last year. The decrease in investments is due to the \$71,979,624 increase from \$9,298,004 to \$81,277,627 in cash in the city's checking account this year.



Treasury bills and fed funds are competing investments in the money market. The federal funds rate is highly influential and often has a direct effect on the U.S. economy, because it serves as a base for interest rates offered by various financial and credit institutions to businesses and consumers.

The federal funds rate is the interest rate at which banks lend to each other. In the December meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee, the Committee decided to maintain the target range for the federal funds rate at 0.25 percent due to the threat the coronavirus poses to the economic activity. The Committee decided to keep the target range for the federal funds rate at 0.25% and expects it will be appropriate to maintain this target rate until labor market conditions have reached levels consistent with the Committee's assessments of maximum employment and inflation has risen to 2 percent. The Committee's assessments will take into account a wide range of information, including readings on public health, labor market conditions, inflation pressures and inflation expectations, and financial and international developments.





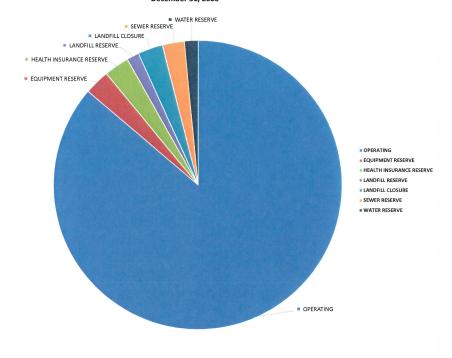
#### CITY OF IOWA CITY INVESTMENTS ON HAND LISTING BY INSTITUTION

|                                     | INVESTMENT |             | INVESTMENT |             | DEPOSITORY |             |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| INSTITUTION NAME                    | AMOUNT     |             | AMOUNT     |             |            | LIMIT       |
| MIDWESTONE BANK                     | \$         | 30,399,400  | \$         | 80,136,051  | \$         | 100,000,000 |
| PIPER JAFFRAY & CO                  | \$         | 26,799,136  | \$         | 24,628,468  |            | N/A         |
| IOWA PUBLIC AGENCY INVESTMENT TRUST | \$         | 25,046,641  | \$         | 37,192,440  |            | N/A         |
| GREAT WESTERN BANK                  | \$         | 30,121,844  | \$         | 29,872,802  | \$         | 100,000,000 |
| GREEN STATE CREDIT UNION            | \$         | 10,000,000  | \$         | -           | \$         | 50,000,000  |
| HILLS BANK & TRUST                  | \$         | 99,928      | \$         | 2,099,428   | \$         | 25,000,000  |
| BANKER'S TRUST                      | \$         | 19,480,046  | \$         | 21,172,125  | \$         | 50,000,000  |
| NXT BANK                            | \$         | 925,000     | \$         |             | \$         | 65,000,000  |
| TOTAL                               | \$         | 142,871,995 | \$         | 212,101,313 |            |             |
|                                     |            |             | -          |             |            |             |

12/31/20

12/31/19

#### City of Iowa City Investments by Fund December 31, 2020



#### CITY OF IOWA CITY INVESTMENTS ON HAND SUMMARY BY FUND

|                          | 12/31/20       | 12/31/19       |  |  |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|--|--|
|                          | INVESTMENT     | INVESTMENT     |  |  |
| FUND TYPE                | AMOUNT         | AMOUNT         |  |  |
| OPERATING                | \$ 123,144,725 | \$ 193,873,284 |  |  |
| EQUIPMENT RESERVE        | \$ 4,000,000   | \$ 3,998,029   |  |  |
| HEALTH INSURANCE RESERVE | \$ 4,000,000   | \$ 4,000,000   |  |  |
| LANDFILL RESERVE         | \$ 1,997,270   | \$ 2,500,000   |  |  |
| LANDFILL CLOSURE         | \$ 4,000,000   | \$ 2,000,000   |  |  |
| SEWER RESERVE            | \$ 3,525,000   | \$ 3,525,000   |  |  |
| WATER RESERVE            | \$ 2,205,000   | \$ 2,205,000   |  |  |
| TOTAL                    | \$ 142,871,995 | \$ 212,101,313 |  |  |