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Mayor, Commissioners, and members of our community, I would like to clarify language that appears in the Auditor of State's cover letter related to our recent audit.

Under Ohio Revised Code, the City of Springfield undergoes an annual financial audit. Our most recent audit was completed and accepted by the Auditor of State, and the City received an unmodified, or clean, opinion — meaning our financial statements were found to be fairly presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

In the Auditor of State's cover letter, two sentences note that an investigation is ongoing and that results may be reported later.

Transparency matters, and we recognize that language like this can lead to speculation. Which is why I'm speaking to this tonight. I have submitted a public records request for additional documentation from the Auditor of State. While we have not yet received formal records, the Auditor of State has informed us that the matter involves a complaint concerning a former employee.

That is the only investigation currently underway involving the City of Springfield. There is no broader financial investigation related to the City's audit. Reviews of complaints by the Auditor of State are a routine part of their oversight role and are not uncommon for public entities.

Because this is an active review by the Auditor of State, it would be inappropriate to speculate beyond what has been formally communicated. I felt it was important to address this directly so residents hear the facts clearly. We will continue to cooperate fully and share any official updates if and when they are issued.

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