

Finance Department

Presentation to the City of Houston Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee

Upcoming Financial Transactions

September 1, 2020

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Agenda

 Harris County – Houston Sports Authority Revenue Refunding Bonds

- General Obligation (GO)
 - a) Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2020
 - b) Commercial Paper Program, Series H-2



Harris County – Houston Sports Authority Revenue Refunding Bonds

- Harris County Houston Sports Authority (the "Authority") has \$869 million of debt outstanding supported primarily by hotel occupancy taxes and motor vehicle rental taxes
 - COVID-19 has significantly impacted those receipts, and is expected to continue to do so over the next several years
 - Accordingly, the Authority is seeking to issue up to \$125 million of Series 2020 bonds to restructure principal and interest to create near term cash flow relief for the next four years
- Authority debt is not an obligation of the City, but in order to issue these bonds the Authority needs approvals from the City and Harris County, similar to its 2014 refunding (which produced NPV savings of \$99.7 million)
- This proposed restructuring will provide debt service relief through 2024 by extending the final maturity of the overall debt portfolio by three years. The restructuring is expected to increase the NPV cost of the Authority's debt by approximately \$15 to 20 million

Harris County – Houston Sports Authority Revenue Refunding Bonds

Next Steps:

- An RCA is being brought to Council on September 2, 2020.
- Pricing is scheduled for September 2020.
- Closing is scheduled for October 2020.



Background:

- Commercial paper (CP) has provided an expedient, cost—effective method of accessing cash and providing interim financing. The CP notes are later refinanced into fixed rate bonds that match the useful life of the project or equipment being financed.
- This transaction represents the normal refunding of these General Obligation commercial paper notes. The anticipated size of the Series 2020 Bonds used to refund CP will be approximately \$151 million.
- The City also intends on refinancing some currently outstanding bonds at lower current market interest rates which result in present value savings currently estimated at \$6.2 million.
- Additionally included in this transaction, the City is planning on issuing approximately \$3 million in Certificates of Obligation to fund the Dangerous Buildings program. The issuance of these bonds represented in the subsequent table are intended to continue uninterrupted operation of the program.



Below is a breakdown of proposed components:

Component being Refunded		Up To	Use
Refund CP Series G, H, J		\$91 Million	Capital Projects
Refund CP Series E		\$60 Million	Equipment
	Sub Total	\$151 Million	
Certificates of Obligation Series 2020		\$3 Million	Demolition of Dangerous Buildings
Current Refunding		\$54 Million	Refinancing Existing Debt
	Sub Total	\$57 Million	

Grand Total \$208 Million



Next Steps:

- As standard course of business, in conjunction with this transaction, the Finance Working Group (FWG) will review possibilities to refinance additional existing debt if prudent opportunities to achieve present value savings exist.
- An RCA is expected to be brought before Council in Fall 2020.



System: General Obligation

New Money or Refunding?: Both

Proceeds Amount: \$208 Million

Use of the Debt Proceeds: Capital Improvement Program

and Refunding

Revenue Source Securing Debt: Ad Valorem Property Taxes

Estimated Weighted Average Life of the Debt Being: 10.1 Years

Refunded (other than Commercial Paper)

Estimated Change to the Weighted Average Life of ... <1 Year

Debt Being Refunded (other than Commercial Paper)

Estimated Net Present Value Savings: \$6.2 Million

Estimated Percentage Savings: 13.3%

Estimated True Interest Cost (%): 1.75%

Anticipated Council Agenda Date: Fall 2020

Anticipated Date of Pricing: Fall 2020

Anticipated Date Closing: Fall 2020



GO Variable Rate Exposure Summary

Liquidity Type	Series	Size (\$ millions)	Bank	Expiration	Requires Bank Facility
Commercial Paper	E-1	100	Citigroup	7/13/2021	Υ
	E-2	70	Wells Fargo	4/22/2022	Υ
	G-1	75	Toronto Dominion	2/12/2021	Υ
	G-2	125	Barclays	11/19/2021	Υ
	H-2	100	Barclays	11/13/2020	Υ
	J	125	State Street	5/20/2023	Υ
	K-1	200	RBC ⁽¹⁾	2/2/2026	N
	K-2	100	RBC ⁽¹⁾	2/2/2026	N
,	Total	895			,

Total Debt Outstanding⁽²⁾ \$3,555.9

Total Commercial Paper Outstanding⁽²⁾ \$131.9

Total Current Variable Rate Exposure 3.70%

 $^{^{(1)}}$ The RBC facilities K-1 and K-2 are Forward Bond Purchase Agreements.

⁽²⁾ As of June 30, 2020 Monthly Financial Report.



GO Commercial Paper Program Series H-2

Background:

- Commercial paper (CP) has provided an expedient, cost-effective method of accessing cash and providing interim financing.
- General Obligation Commercial Paper Program, Series H-2 supports the City's capital improvement program.
- The current liquidity facility for the Series H-2 CP program is set to expire on November 13, 2020.

Next Steps:

- In July, the City issued a request for proposals from qualified financial institutions to provide credit facilities.
- The Finance Working Group received proposals and is evaluating the proposals to recommend either renewal or replacement of the existing letter of credit.



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Questions?