

MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda Item No. IX.G. 3/14/2017

The City of **OKLAHOMA CITY**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: James D. Couch, City Manager

Ordinance to be introduced and set for final hearing March 28, 2017, providing for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the sum of \$90,500,000 by The City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, authorized at an election duly called and held for such purpose; prescribing form of bonds; providing for a combined bond issue designated "General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017"; providing for registration thereof; designating the registrar for the issue; providing for levy of an annual tax for the payment of principal and interest on the bonds and fixing other details of the issue; approving the forms of a continuing disclosure agreement and an official statement; authorizing executions and actions necessary for the issuance and delivery of the bonds.

Background

On December 11, 2007, voters approved 11 General Obligation bond propositions, which authorized the issuance of \$835,500,000 in bonds to finance improvements of streets, bridges, traffic control, drainage control, parks and recreation facilities, libraries, police and fire facilities, city maintenance facilities, transit, and economic development. These bonds were to be sold over a period of time in amounts designed to maintain the annual ad valorem tax levy at or near 16 mills. The City Council authorized the sale of \$90,500,000 of these bonds by resolution on February 28, 2017. On March 28, 2017 at 8:30 a.m., sealed bids for the purchase of these bonds will be received. Staff will analyze the bids and recommend the award of the bonds based upon the lowest true interest cost.

Attached is an Ordinance providing for the issuance of these bonds. This Ordinance provides the form of the bonds, prescribes redemption provisions, appoints a registrar (paying agent), provides for the levy of an annual ad valorem tax dedicated to the principal and interest payments, provides an agreement for continuing disclosure and fixes other details of the bond issue.

The Ordinance and content of the bonds themselves have been prepared and approved by The Public Finance Law Group PLLC, Co-Bond Counsel and Williams, Box, Forshee & Bullard, Co-Bond Counsel. The underwriter and interest rate cannot be identified until the day of the competitive sale.

Source of Funds

Debt Service Fund (021-0250) - Property Tax Mil Levy

Review

Finance Department

Recommendation: Ordinance be introduced and set for final hearing on March 28, 2017.

Attachment