New Orleans, Louisiana

October 15, 2024

A special meeting of the Board of Liquidation, City Debt (Board) was held this date at the office of the Board, Room 8E17, New Orleans, Louisiana pursuant to notice duly given as provided by law. The special meeting was called to order at 4:12 P.M. by the President, Mr. Ralph Johnson. Mr. Johnson asked the Secretary to call the roll and announce the number of members present. The roll call was as follows:

PRESENT:	Mr. Johnson	FIVE MEMBERS AND A QUORUM
	Ms. Fields	
	Mr. Kennedy	
	Mr. Kimbrough	
	Mr. Montaño (for Mayor Cantrell)	
ABSENT:	Mr. McDonald	
	Mr. Sloss	
	Councilmember Moreno	
	Councilmember Morrell	

Also present were Mr. William R. Forrester, Jr., legal counsel; Mr. Garrett Gemelos, Foley & Judell L.L.P., and Ms. Maria Auzenne, Auzenne and Associates LLC, co-bond counsel; Mr. Ricardo Callender, PFM Financial Advisors LLC, and Mr. Shawn Barney, CLB Porter, LLC, co-financial advisors.

The notice calling the meeting more than 48 hours prior to the date of the meeting was received and ordered filed in the minutes.

The President stated that the minutes from the special meeting on August 7, 2024, had been circulated to the members. He asked if there were any comments; there being none, the minutes were adopted as circulated.

The President stated that the auditor's letters for July 2024 and August 2024 are in each member's folder for their review. He asked the members to review the letters and asked if there were any questions. There being none, the monthly audit letters were ordered filed.

The President addressed item #4 on the agenda, to consider a resolution giving final approval to the issuance of the not exceeding Eighty-Six Million Dollars ($86,000,000) Water Revenue Bonds of the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith. The President stated that this is the next step in issuing the bonds, and asked Maria Auzenne with Auzenne and Associates, LLC, co-bond counsel, and Ricardo Callender with PFM Financial Advisors LLC, co-financial advisor, to address the resolution.

Ms. Auzenne stated that she is joined by Mr. Garrett Gemelos, co-bond counsel, with Foley & Judell L.L.P. She then stated that this is the final step in getting this bond, the Series A, sold. She stated that the bonds are supported under the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, a Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Program with the Louisiana Department of Health. She again reiterated that the bonds have a zero 0% interest rate, with 49% of the principal amount, which is calculated to be $42,140,000 to be forgiven. Ms. Auzenne added that part of the $86,000,000 will be used for the Lead Reduction Project that Sewerage and Water Board New Orleans has going on. Then she asked Ricardo Callender with PFM Financial Advisors LLC to further address the resolution.

Mr. Callender stated that Shawn Barney with CLB Porter, LLC, Board of Liquidation co-financial advisors is also present. He explained that although the $86,000,000 bonds is interest-free, it still has to meet the additional bond test which is that the revenues must be over and above expenditures at least 1.25 times, and they can confirmed that this is the case.

The President asked if there were any questions or comments and asked for a motion.

Mr. Kennedy moved to adopt the resolution giving final approval to the issuance of the not exceeding Eighty-Six Million Dollars ($86,000,000) Water Revenue Bonds of the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Mr. Montaño seconded and on roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYES: FIELDS; JOHNSON; KENNEDY; KIMBROUGH; MONTAÑO (FOR MAYOR CANTRELL)

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: McDONALD; MORENO; MORRELL; SLOSS

And the resolution was adopted.

The President then addressed item #5 on the agenda, to consider a resolution giving final approval to the issuance of the not exceeding Four Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars ($4,600,000) Water Revenue Bonds of the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith. The President stated that this is the next step in the process of issuing the bonds similar to the $86,000,000, and asked Maria Auzenne to address the resolution.

Ms. Auzenne stated that this bond, the Series B, is also supported under the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, is for capital improvements and has a small interest rate of 1.95%. She also stated that there is a forgiveness of up to 49% of the principal, calculated to be about $2,254,000, and has a term of 20 years but can be prepaid without penalties.

Mr. Callender stated that similar to the Series A, the Series B has to abide by the additional bond test, as well. He explained that in addition to the 1.95% interest rate used, there is an administrative fee of 0.50% per annum factored into the analysis. He confirmed that this bond does meet the additional bonds test.

The President asked if there were any questions and asked for a motion.

Mr. Montaño moved to adopt the resolution giving final approval to the issuance of the not exceeding Four Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars ($4,600,000) Water Revenue Bonds of the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Mr. Kennedy seconded and on roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYES: FIELDS; JOHNSON; KENNEDY; KIMBROUGH; MONTAÑO (FOR MAYOR CANTRELL)

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: McDONALD; MORENO; MORRELL; SLOSS

And the resolution was adopted.

The President then addressed item #6 on the agenda, other business. He stated that there is a packet of information in each member's folders regarding the suggested salary adjustments for the staff of the Board of Liquidation, City Debt except for the Secretary who would come under a different process. Mr. Johnson stated that no action is needed at this time, but it would be on the November agenda. Mr. Johnson asked Ms. Amy Fields and Mr. Julius Kimbrough to serve on a sub-committee with him to explore the staff salary levels.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Montaño motioned for adjournment, and Mr. Kimbrough seconded, there being no objections, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 4:33 P.M.

Tracy D. Madison
Secretary