

FACT SHEET

CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT</u>
A RESOLUTION EMPLOYING PROFESSIONALS WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, STATE OF LOUISIANA OF NOT EXCEEDING TWO HUNDRED FORTY-TWO MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$242,600,000) OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, ON A TAXABLE OR TAX-EXEMPT BASIS; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO	July 27, 2021	City Attorney's Office
		<u>COUNCIL DISTRICT</u>
		City-wide
		<u>SPONSOR</u>

PURPOSE

To approve the fees of professionals in conjunction with the issuance of NTE \$242,600,000 General Obligation Bonds, in one or more series (the "**Bonds**"), and the election associated therewith related to: (i) Proposition Number 1: Seventy Million Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$70,650,000) for the purposes of constructing, acquiring, and improving public facilities and equipment for the police department, the fire department, along with acquiring the necessary buildings, land and/or rights therein, equipment and furnishings therefore, and paying the costs of issuance thereof; (ii) Twenty-Two Million Seven Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$22,740,000) for the purposes of technological upgrades and improvements, and economic development, including but not limited to industrial park and workforce development facilities, along with appurtenances and infrastructure related thereto and acquiring necessary buildings, land and/or rights therein, equipment and furnishings therefore, and paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds; (iii) Proposition Number 3 Sixty-Four Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$64,700,000) for the purposes of constructing, acquiring, and/or improving water and sewer systems, along with appurtenances thereto and acquiring necessary buildings, land and/or rights therein, equipment and furnishings therefore, and paying the costs of issuance thereof; (iv) Proposition Number 4: Sixty-Three Million Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$63,375,000) for the purposes of for the purposes of constructing, acquiring, and/or improving streets, highways, bridges, and drainage systems, along with appurtenances thereto and acquiring necessary buildings, land and/or rights therein, equipment and furnishings therefore, and paying the costs of issuance thereof; and (v) Proposition Number 5: Twenty-One Million One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$21,135,000) for the purposes of constructing, acquiring, and/or improving public facilities for parks and recreation, along

with acquiring the necessary buildings, land and/or rights therein, equipment and furnishings therefore, and paying the costs of issuance thereof.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This Resolution would approve the fees of the professionals engaged by the City in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

TIMETABLE

Introduction: July 27, 2021
Final Passage: August 10, 2021

ATTACHMENTS

N/A

SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

N/A

FINANCES

N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS

N/A

ALTERNATIVES

(1) Adopt the Resolution as submitted; (2) Amend the Resolution, then adopt; or (3) Reject the Resolution.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Attorney's Office recommends adoption of the Resolution.

FACT SHEET PREPARED BY: William Boles - Bond Counsel

RESOLUTION NO. ___ OF 2021

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BY: COUNCILMEMBER _____.

WHEREAS, this City Council, acting as the governing authority (the "**Governing Authority**") of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana (the "**City**" or "**Issuer**") is considering the issuance by the City of not exceeding Two Hundred Forty-Two Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$242,600,000) of its Taxable or Tax-Exempt General Obligation Bonds, in one or more series (the "**Bonds**"), to be issued under and pursuant to the provisions of Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, Sub-Part A, Part III, Chapter 4 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (collectively, the "**Act**") and other constitutional and statutory authority;

WHEREAS, the Bonds shall be issued upon approval by the qualified voters of the City of: (i) Proposition Number 1: Seventy Million Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$70,650,000) for the purposes of constructing, acquiring, and improving public facilities and equipment for the police department, the fire department, along with acquiring the necessary buildings, land and/or rights therein, equipment and furnishings therefore, and paying the costs of issuance thereof; (ii) Twenty-Two Million Seven Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$22,740,000) for the purposes of technological upgrades and improvements, and economic development, including but not limited to industrial park and workforce development facilities, along with appurtenances and infrastructure related thereto and acquiring necessary buildings, land and/or rights therein, equipment and furnishings therefore, and paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds; (iii) Proposition Number 3 Sixty-Four Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$64,700,000) for the purposes of constructing, acquiring, and/or improving water and sewer systems, along with

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WHEREAS, the Bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates not exceeding seven per centum (7.00%) per annum, if taxable and not exceeding five per centum (5.00%) per annum, if tax-exempt and shall be for a term not exceeding twenty (20) years from the date of issuance; and

WHEREAS, this Governing Authority desires to hire professionals in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Authority of the Issuer, that:

SECTION 1. Employment of Bond Counsel. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of bond counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and accordingly Washington & Wells, LLC, Shreveport, Louisiana, and Boles Shafto, LLC, Monroe, Louisiana are hereby employed as bond counsel (together, "**Bond Counsel**") to the Issuer to do and perform comprehensive legal and co-ordinate professional work of a traditional legal nature with respect to the issuance and sale of the Bonds.

Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to this Governing Authority for adoption all of the proceeding's incidental to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds and the election associated therewith and shall advise this Governing Authority as to the issuance and sale

thereof and shall furnish their opinion covering the legality of the issuance thereof. The legal fees of Bond Counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds shall not exceed the amount provided by the Attorney General's Guidelines for Fees and Services of Bond Attorneys for comprehensive legal and coordinate professional work in the issuance of general obligation bonds, said fees to be payable solely out of funds derived from the sale of the Bonds and the election associated therewith.

SECTION 2. **Counsel to the City.** Ronald Lattier, City Attorney for the City shall serve as counsel to the City in connection and delivery of the Bonds.

SECTION 3. **Employment of Municipal Advisor.** This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of a municipal advisor, and accordingly, Government Consultants, Inc., Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is hereby appointed and employed as municipal advisor (the "**Municipal Advisor**") to the Issuer in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, any compensation to be subsequently approved by this Governing Authority. The fee to be paid to the Municipal Advisor for services in conjunction with the issuance of the Bonds, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced are contingent upon the issuance of the Bonds.

SECTION 4. **Employment of Investment Bankers/Underwriters/Placement Agents.** This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of investment bankers/underwriters/placement agents in connection with the sale of the Bonds with any compensation to be subsequently approved by this Governing Authority and to be paid from the proceeds of such Bonds and contingent upon the issuance of such Bonds. Accordingly, Crews & Associates, Inc., and Rice Financial Products Company, are appointed as the underwriters (together, the "**Underwriters**") in connection with the sale of the Bonds.

SECTION 5. **Employment of Disclosure Counsel.** This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for counsel to assist the Issuer with respect to continuing disclosure matters in connection with the issuance of the Bonds and accordingly, the Law Office of Lori C. Graham is hereby appointed and employed as disclosure counsel

("Disclosure Counsel") with respect to the issuance of the Bonds. The fee to be paid to Disclosure Counsel for such services shall be submitted to and approved by this Governing Authority and shall be contingent upon the issuance of the Bonds.

SECTION 6. Employment of Paying Agent /Trustee. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for a paying agent/trustee with respect to the Bonds and accordingly, Regions Bank, Baton Rouge, Louisiana ("**Regions**"), is hereby appointed and employed to act as paying agent/trustee, in paying to the registered owners of the Bonds the principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds and to act as registrar of the Bonds on the bond register, as well as holding any of the bond proceeds in trust as may be required by the bond documents, all in accordance with the terms of the Bonds. The fee to be paid to Regions for such services shall be submitted to and approved by the Governing Authority.

SECTION 7. Dissemination Agent. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the appointment of Digital Assurance Certification, LLC, as dissemination agent ("**Dissemination Agent**") in conjunction with issuance and post-issuance compliance matters associated with the Bonds. The Dissemination Agent is hereby appointed and is authorized to assist the finance team in conjunction with such matters. The fee to be paid to the Dissemination Agent for such services shall be submitted to and approved by this Governing Authority.

SECTION 8. Employment of Other Professionals. Should it be necessary to engage other professionals, the Authorized Officers (as defined below) shall be entitled to engage such professionals provided that any contracts employing such professionals shall be promptly submitted to this Governing Authority for formal approval thereof.

SECTION 9. Authorization of Officers. This Governing Authority hereby authorizes and directs its Mayor, Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Finance, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Clerk and such other officials of the City individually and/or collectively (the "**Authorized Officers**") to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

SECTION 10. Severability. If any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 11. Bond Purchase Agreement. If deemed necessary upon advice of Bond Counsel, the Mayor, or any other Authorized Officer is hereby authorized and directed to enter into, execute and deliver a Bond Purchase Agreement, or such other equivalent document as may be necessary to contract the sale of the Bonds to the purchaser thereof (the "**Bond Purchase Agreement**"), with the Underwriters or purchaser of the Bonds in such form as the Authorized Officer deems appropriate upon advice of Bond Counsel provided however that no Bond Purchase Agreement shall be executed until Louisiana State Bond Commission approval is first obtained.

SECTION 12. Repealer. All resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office