



City of Kansas City, Missouri

Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution #: 260235

Submitted Department/Preparer: Finance

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Docket memos are required on all ordinances initiated by a Department Director. More information can be found in [Administrative Regulation \(AR\) 4-1](#).

Executive Summary

Authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026A in a principal amount not to exceed \$56,000,000. Prescribing the form and detail of the bonds, as well providing for an annual tax for the purpose of paying principal and interest. Authorization of other documents and actions necessary for issuance of the bonds. Increasing and appropriating revenues in the amount of \$721,500 in the Question 1 Bond Fund, \$282,000 in the Question 2 Bond Fund, \$40,000 in the Question 3 Bond Fund, and \$263,500 in the Question 1, 2022 Authorization Bond Fund. Designating requisitioning authority, declaring the intent of the City to reimburse itself from the bond proceeds for certain expenditures, and recognizing this ordinance having an accelerated effective date.

Discussion

On April 4, 2017, qualified voters authorized \$600 million of general obligation bonds for the purpose of making improvements to roads, sidewalks and bridges; \$150 million of general obligation bonds for the purpose of making improvements to flood control infrastructure; and \$50 million of general obligation bonds for the purpose of making improvements to public buildings, facilities and constructing a new animal shelter (collectively the "2017 Authorization").

On November 8, 2022, qualified voters authorized \$125 million of general obligation for the purpose of paying for the acquisition, construction, renovation, improvement, equipping, and furnishing of City parks, recreation, and entertainment facilities (collectively the "2022 Authorization").

To date, there have been eight issuances from the 2017 Authorization, the General Obligation Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Series 2018A ("Series 2018A Bonds"), the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019A ("Series 2019A Bonds"), the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020A ("Series 2020A Bonds"), and the General Obligation Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A ("Series 2021A Bonds"), and the

General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022A ("Series 2022A Bonds"), and portions of the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023A ("Series 2023A Bonds"), General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024A ("Series 2024A Bonds"), and General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025A ("Series 2025A Bonds"). There have been three issuances from the 2022 Authorization, portions of the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023A ("Series 2023A Bonds"), General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024A ("Series 2024A Bonds"), and General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025A ("Series 2025A Bonds").

- Prior issuances - across all three questions from the 2017 Authorization
 - o \$41.70 million - Series 2018A
 - o \$57.29 million - Series 2019A
 - o \$43.36 million - Series 2020A
 - o \$49.50 million - Series 2021A
 - o \$61.26 million - Series 2022A
 - o \$48.42 million - Series 2023A
 - o \$36.55 million - Series 2024A
 - o \$38.32 million - Series 2025A
- Remaining 2017 Authorization - \$423,615,000
 - o \$333.64 million - Question 1 Streets, Bridges, Sidewalks
 - o \$83.99 million - Question 2 Flood Control
 - o \$5.99 million - Question 3 Public Buildings, ADA
- Prior issuances - from Question 1 of the 2022 Authorization
 - o \$32 million - Series 2023A
 - o \$20.68 million - Series 2024A
 - o \$11.99 million - Series 2025A
- Remaining Question 1 of the 2022 Authorization - \$60,345,000

The Series 2026A Bonds are being issued in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$56,000,000 for the purpose of providing \$31.5 million in funds to pay a portion of the cost for the roads, sidewalks, and bridges projects, \$8.00 million to pay for a portion of the costs for the flood control projects, \$1.00 million to pay a portion of the costs for the public buildings projects, \$7.50 million in funds to pay a portion of the costs of improvements to Parks and Recreation facilities and Convention Center facilities and \$ 776 thousand to pay the costs of issuing the Bonds. \$405 thousand of the above will go toward municipal artworks for the projects pursuant to the 2017 Authorization.

Fiscal Impact

1. Is this legislation included in the adopted budget? ☒ Yes ☐ No
2. What is the funding source?
Proceeds from the sale of General Obligation bonds.
3. How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?
Passage of this ordinance will authorize a bond issuance to reimburse the City for certain projects which have been previously appropriated and provide funding for other projects. Debt service payments on the bonds will begin in FY 2027.
4. Does the legislation have a fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.
Yes. At a federally tax-exempt interest rate of 5.39% and aggregate principal amount of \$44,560,000 debt service is expected to average \$4.04 million per year for 20 years for this portion of the GO 2026A bonds. The debt service on the bonds issued pursuant to the 2022 Authorization will be funded from existing property tax revenues and the debt service on the bonds issued pursuant to the 2017 Authorization will be funded from an anticipated increase in the debt levy portion of the property tax.
5. Does the legislation generate revenue, leverage outside funding, or deliver a return on investment?
Yes. The sale of the Series 2026A bonds will provide resources for strategic public improvements to roads, bridges, sidewalks, public buildings, and parks facilities throughout the City. These improvements will benefit public health, safety, welfare of its citizens and create a better experience for those visiting the City.

Office of Management and Budget Review

(OMB Staff will complete this section.)

1. This legislation is supported by the general fund. ☐ Yes ☒ No
2. This fund has a structural imbalance. ☐ Yes ☒ No
3. Account string has been verified/confirmed. ☒ Yes ☐ No

Additional Discussion (if needed)

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Citywide Business Plan (CWBP) Impact

1. View the [Adopted 2025-2029 Citywide Business Plan](#)
2. Which CWBP goal is most impacted by this legislation?
Infrastructure and Accessibility (Press tab after selecting.)
3. Which objectives are impacted by this legislation (select all that apply):
 - ☒ Engage in thoughtful planning and redesign of existing road networks to ensure safety, access, and mobility of users of all ages and abilities.
 - ☐ Develop a multimodal regional transportation system for all users.
 - ☐ Develop environmentally sustainable strategies that improve quality of life and foster economic growth.
 - ☒ Ensure adequate resources are provided for continued maintenance of existing infrastructure.
 - ☐ Focus on delivery of safe connections to schools.
 - ☐

Prior Legislation

Committee Substitute for Ordinance 160877 authorized the election in which voters authorized the City of Kansas City, Missouri to issue a total of \$800 million in bonds over 20 years, spread across three separate questions on the ballot. Question 1 authorized \$600 million for roads, bridges, and sidewalks. Question 2 authorized \$150 million for Flood Control. Question 3 authorized \$50 million for public buildings.

Committee Substitute for Ordinance 220663 authorized the election in which voters approved the issuance of \$125,000,000 in bonds to finance improvements to park and entertainment facilities.

The following ordinances estimated and appropriated funds to allow projects to proceed in advance of the bond sale.

1. Ordinance 250173 approved \$31.82M for Question 1 (Streets, Bridges, and Sidewalks), \$8.08M for Question 2 (Flood Control), and \$1,010,000 for Question 3 (Public Buildings) of the 2017 Authorization
2. Ordinance 250174 approved \$7.5M for Question 1 (Parks and Entertainment Facilities) of the 2022 Authorization.

Service Level Impacts

This ordinance will provide authorization to issue bonds to fund improvements to roads, sidewalks, bridges, flood control, and public buildings, improvements parks and convention facilities.

Staff Recommendation

Finance Department

Select One: ☐ Sponsored

☒ Directive: Res/Ord # Ordinance Nos. 250173 & 250174

Select One: ☒ Recommend

☐ Do Not Recommend

☐ Not Applicable

The bond issuance reimburses funds that were advanced appropriated as part of the budget ordinances for the FY26 GO Bond Program; via included in Ordinance Nos. 250173 & 250174

Other Impacts

1. What will be the potential health impacts to any affected groups?
Improvements and repairs to roads, bridges mean safer roadways for people living in, working in, and visiting Kansas City. Upgraded flood control systems reduce losses to personal and real property. Improvement and repairs to public buildings promote a safer environment for people visiting City-owned facilities.
2. How have those groups been engaged and involved in the development of this ordinance?
Voters approved the general bond authorizations in 2017 and 2022.
3. How does this legislation contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?
Keeping roadways in serviceable condition reduce auto accidents and damage to vehicles, reducing the cost required to repair or replace those vehicles. Flood control keeps buildings in operational shape and reduces the cost due to property losses.
4. Does this legislation create or preserve new housing units?

No (Press tab after selecting)

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5. Department staff certifies the submission of any application Affirmative Action Plans or Certificates of Compliance, Contractor Utilization Plans (CUPs), and Letters of Intent to Subcontract (LOIs) to CREO prior to, or simultaneously with, the legislation entry request in Legistar.

Yes - I have submitted documents for CREO Review (Press tab after selecting)

Please attach or copy and paste CREO's review.

Hilltop Securities Inc. and Moody Reid Financial Advisors will serve as the City's co-financial advisors. The MBE goal for this engagement is 20%. Moody Reid is currently a City certified MBE firm. The City has retained Gilmore & Bell and Benton Lloyd & Chung, LLC to serve as co-bond counsel and co-disclosure counsel. Benton Lloyd & Chung, LLC is a City certified MBE firm. The MBE goal for this engagement is 25%.

6. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from an Invitation for Bid?

No(Press tab after selecting)

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7. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from a Request for Proposal/Qualification (RFP/Q)?

No(Press tab after selecting)