



# On Today's Agenda

# **Our Discussion Points**

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# Background

### WHY ARE WE HERE?

- On September 12, 2022, Staff presented a Utility Condition Assessment of the Utility System to City Commision.
  - Examples of various water, sewer, and stormwater system failures were presented.
  - Alarming statistics were presented regarding:
    - Leaks, Water Main Breaks, Precautionary Boil Water Notices
    - Unbilled or Unaccounted for Water
    - Force Main, Lift Station Failures
    - Sewage Spills
    - Stormwater System Failures
    - Water Meter Read Failures

# Background (Cont.)

# UTILITY RATE STUDY

- The results of a Utility Rate Study using the City's Water,
   Wastewater, and Stormwater CIP Plan were also presented.
- The CIP Plan had a value of \$230.6M
- Included \$181M in utility revenue bond financing.
- Included recommended rates for fiscal years 2022 to 2028
- Phases of Study:
  - Phase I: Considered equal rate increases across all rate tiers and customers.
  - Phase II: Recommended to include rate design options and stormwater system remeasurement.

# Background (Cont.)

### CITY COMMISSION ADOPTED ITEMS

- Adopted in February 2022
  - Reimbursement Resolution
- Adopted in September 2022
  - FY23-28 Utility Rate Study
  - 5-Year CIP Plan
- Adopted in May 2023
  - Utility System Bond Ordinance
- Adopted items above are in line with Staff's recommended Utility
   Capital Improvement Long-term Funding Plan (Utility CIP Funding Plan)
   presented to City Commission in February 2022

# Utility CIP Funding Plan

### ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC OFFERING REVENUE BONDS

- Adopt Master Utility Ordinance
- Issue Bond Feasibility Report (Rate Consultant)
- Issue Engineers' Reports for Both Systems (Consulting Engineer)
- Adopt Supplemental Bond Resolutions (for each tranche)
- Competitive Sale of Bonds

### RATE STUDY

- Adopt a Rate Study Covering Debt Issuances and CIP Plan
- Phase I: Focused on Revenue Sufficiency
- Phase II: Focused on Stormwater Remeasurement & Rate Design

### **GRANTS & SRF LOANS**

Apply for Grants and SRF Loans to Reduce Bond Proceed Needs

# Utility Revenue Bonds Team

# **Outside Consultants**

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# Accomplishments

# **BOND ISSUANCE**

- Adopted Reimbursement Resolution in February 2022
- Adopted Master Utility System Bond Ordinance in May 2023
- Draft Bond Resolution Completed
- Draft Bond Feasibility Report Completed
- Draft Engineer's Reports are In Review
- Draft Preliminary Official Statement is In Process

# Accomplishments (Cont.)

# RATE STUDY

- Adopted Phase One of Utility Rate Study in September 2022
- Update to Phase One of Utility Rate Study Completed
- Phase Two of Utility Rate Study:
  - Stormwater System Remeasurement in Process
  - Stormwater Rate Design in Process

### **GRANTS & SRF LOANS**

- Applied (or submitted requests) for approximately \$27M in Utility CIP Project grant funding from FY20 thru today.
- Awarded approximately \$18M in Utility CIP Project Funding as of today from grant applications submitted.

# Challenges

### **BOND ISSUANCE**

- A considerable number of bond-funded projects had bid values significantly higher than preliminary estimates.
- Discrepancies attributed to current market conditions and inflationary pressures.
- Bond consultants advised reassessing the initial cost projections of the Utility CIP Plan.
- Material changes to the Utility CIP Plan impacts futures rates and the timing of when other bond-related deliverables could be completed.
- Any challenges with the AMI Meter Remediation Project has a direct and material impact to bond-related disclosures.
- Cash flow projections need to be monitored to ensure we finance projects with bond proceeds effectively.

# Challenges (Cont.)

# RATE STUDY (PHASE I)

- The updated Utility CIP Plan had a material impact on the original model used for the rate study adopted in September 2022.
- An updated Utility Rate Study using an updated model will need to be adopted prior to bond issuance.
- Changes in the Utility Rate Study need to be incorporated in other bondrelated documents needed for issuance.

# Challenges (Cont.)

# RATE STUDY (PHASE II)

- Revenue losses from the AMI Meter Failures need to be addressed.
- An updated rate design will require resources from our utility billing software vendor, Tyler Technologies.
- It is recommended to implement an updated rate design in the latest version of the software.
- Tyler Munis ERP upgrade is scheduled for August 2023
- May need consultant assistance with implementing new rate tables.
- Feasibility of when an updated rate design could be implemented and go-live is TBD.
- Changes in how Stormwater is billed may be included in recommendations (e.g. billed annually) but may have a time delay on when it can be implemented.

# CIP PLAN CHANGES

	2022-2024	2025-2027	2028-2029	Project Costs
Original Model				
Water	59,160,353	64,645,700	11,314,000	135,120,053
Wastewater	37,845,932	-	-	37,845,932
Stormwater	5,811,023	27,686,880	24,129,160	57,627,063
Total	\$ 102,817,308	\$ 92,332,580	\$ 35,443,160	\$ 230,593,048
<b>Updated Model</b>				
Water	52,975,419	91,638,017	1,500,000	146,113,436
Wastewater	44,531,140	3,200,000	_	47,731,140
Stormwater	7,265,174	27,686,880	24,129,160	59,081,214
Total	\$ 104,771,733	\$ 122,524,897	\$ 25,629,160	\$ 252,925,790
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# Impact on Utility Rates

# COMPARISON OF ADOPTED AND UPDATED RATE STUDY

						Cumulative
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Increase
Original Model						
Water	17.00%	10.00%	7.00%	<b>5.25</b> %	<b>3.75</b> %	<b>50.4</b> %
Wastewater	<b>5.25</b> %	<b>5.25</b> %	<b>5.25</b> %	<b>5.25</b> %	<b>3.75</b> %	<b>27.3</b> %
<b>Updated Model</b>						
Water	17.00%	10.00%	8.00%	7.00%	<b>3.75</b> %	<b>54.3</b> %
Wastewater	7.00%	7.00%	5.50%	5.25%	<b>3.75</b> %	31.9%

# **Updated Bond Issuance Timeline**

Major Deliverables



Reimbursement Resolution

MAY 2023

City Commission - Bond Ordinance Approval

**JULY 2023** 

Circulate Second Draft POS

**AUGUST 2023** 

Rating Agency Calls

**AUGUST 2023** 

City Commission - Bond Resolution Approval

**AUGUST 2023** 

Circulate Final Draft POS

AUGUST 2023

Competitive Sale

SEPTEMBER 2023

Pre-closing

SEPTEMBER 2023

Closing

# Updated Utility Rate Study Timeline

Major Deliverables (Phase I Update & Phase II)



City Commission - Rate Study Update Approval

# SEPTEMBER 2023

City Commission - FY24 Rate Adoption

# **TBD**

City Commission - Phase II Rate Study Workshop

### **TBD**

Testing and Implementation of Rate Tables in Tyler Munis

### **TBD**

City Commission - Phase II Rate Study Adoption

# Questions? THANK YOU