



Finance Committee

Meeting Date: August 29, 2023

Water & Sewer Bonds

Department:	Administrator / Finance/ Water & Sewer
Presenter:	Takiyah A. Douse, Interim Administrator
Caption:	Motion to approve resolution authorizing proceeding with the issuance by Augusta, Georgia of its water and sewerage revenue bonds in order (A) to finance in whole or in part, the cost of certain improvements to the water and sewerage system of Augusta, Georgia and (B) if economically feasible to refund outstanding debt of Augusta, Georgia relating to the water and sewerage system; to declare the intent of Augusta Georgia to reimburse itself with a portion of the proceeds of such bonds for expenditures made in connection with such improvements; and for other related purposes.
Background:	<p>The Water and Sewer department has an extensive list of capital projects. To expedite approximately \$80 million of projects beyond the level of current pay-as-you-go funding, management has determined the most prudent course would be to issue revenue bonds.</p> <p>There is also the opportunity to refund (refinance) previous bond issues. If it is determined to be economically feasible and beneficial the refunding of the bonds would be included this issuance of bonds.</p>
Analysis:	This is the first step in the process of issuing bonds, if authorization is granted bonds documents would be drafted. It is anticipated that bonds would be issued in the first quarter of 2024. On the sale date the commission will be presented with the terms (lowest bidder and interest rate) of the bond sale and will be requested to approve the sale.
Financial Impact:	Debt service would be provided from water and sewer operations.
Alternatives:	Fund projects using pay-as-you-go methodology. This would limit the projects that could be completed in a timely manner.
Recommendation:	Approve motion to proceed
Funds are available in the following accounts:	Water and Sewer operations.

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APPROVED BY: