Council Agenda Summary

January 4, 2022

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Title:

Public hearing and second reading of an Ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale by the City Of Greeley, Colorado, acting by and through its sanitary water enterprise, of First-Lien Sewer Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2022, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$25,500,000, for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, the cost of additions and improvements to the sewer system operated by the sanitary water enterprise, pledging certain funds and revenues of the enterprise to the payment of such bonds. prescribing the form of such bonds, and providing other details in connection therewith

Summary:

The ordinance for City Council consideration is to authorize and approve the issuance of the first-lien sewer improvement revenue bonds, Series 2022, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$25,500,000, bearing interest at the rates and maturing on the dates and in the amounts to be set forth in a final terms certificate, and on the terms and conditions provided in the general and series ordinances of the City. The Series 2022 Bonds are being issued for the purpose of acquiring and constructing additions and improvements to the Sewer System. These projects will need to be partially funded through bond revenues.

The Ordinance states that the City of Greeley authorizes and approves the issuance of the Series 2022 Sewer Revenue bonds, recognizing that the issuance of these bonds will impact the Sewer Fund's debt service payments and the rates required to support those payments. Water and Sewer Department Staff, in partnership with the Finance Department and the City's Financial Advisor, have reviewed and approved the debt service requirements of the proposed bond issuance in alignment with the rate structure approved by City Council. The proposed issuance of these bonds also maintains an appropriate bonding capacity of the Sewer Enterprise fund for future bond issuances in accordance with the approved Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Plan. The Water and Sewer Board has also approved the issuance of these bonds at their November 17, 2021 meeting.

Fiscal Impact:

Does this item create a fiscal impact on the City of Greeley?	Yes
If yes, what is the initial, or, onetime impact?	Bond Issuance of \$25.5 Million
What is the annual impact?	Debt Service Estimate: \$1.4-2.8 Million
What fund of the City will provide Funding?	Sewer Capital Replacement
What is the source of revenue within the fund?	Rates & Fees

Is there grant funding for this item?	Not Applicable
If yes, does this grant require a match?	Not Applicable
Is this grant onetime or ongoing?	Not Applicable

Legal Issues:

None. Kutak Rock LLP is serving as bond counsel.

Consideration of this matter is a legislative process which includes the following public hearing steps:

- 1) City staff presentation (if requested)
- 2) Council questions of staff
- 3) Public input
- 4) Council discussion
- 5) Council decision

Other Issues and Considerations:

The bonds are expected to be marketed mid-February for closing on the sale of the bonds February 24.

Applicable Council Priority and Goal:

Infrastructure and Growth: Establish the capital and human infrastructure to support and maintain a safe, competitive, appealing and dynamic community.

Public Facilities and Equipment. Provide a framework of public services, facilities, and equipment that support a safe, pleasing and successful community.

Decision Options:

- 1) Introduce the ordinance as presented; or
- 2) Amend the ordinance and introduce as amended; or
- 3) Deny the ordinance; or
- 4) Continue consideration of the ordinance to a date certain.

Council's Recommended Action:

A motion to adopt the ordinance and publish by reference to title only.

Attachments:

Ordinance Preliminary Official Statement PowerPoint