

STAFF REPORT UTILITY MEETING

AGENDA DATE: May 28, 2024

DEPARTMENT: Electric Utility

TITLE:

Electric Utility Bond Funds and Proposed US Department of Energy (DOE) Grant Match Source

SUMMARY:

Review of status of the City's Electric Utility portion of the Series 2020 and Series 2022 Consolidated Utility Revenue Bonds and the proposed DOE Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) Grant Match Source

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

The City's Electric Utility is currently underway with multiple System Hardening and Reliability Improvement Program projects and various capital improvements funded using proceeds from the sale of Series 2020 and 2022 Consolidated Utility Revenue Bonds. City's Electric Utility has also successfully applied for and been selected to receive a Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) Grant from the US DOE in the amount of \$23.462 Million for five (5) projects which will help transform the community's electrical grid, enhance grid flexibility, improve grid resiliency, and reduce its vulnerability to storms. City's Electric Utility Staff has prepared a presentation on the status of bond funds as well as a suggested pathway for funding City's required GRIP Grant match in the amount of \$23.462 Million. Staff's suggested approach uses a combination of unencumbered Series 2022 Bond funds and a future Series 2025 Bond sale to fund the City's requirement to match the grant award.

Neither a final formal approval to accept the US DOE Grant, nor a formal approval to proceed with a Series 2025 Bond offering are being requested at this time. Such items are under development and will be brought forward for approval at a future meeting.

MOTION:

Request for consensus on Staff's suggested pathway for funding the DOE GRIP Grant match.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Presentation