

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM MEMO
REGULAR MEETING**

SUBJECT: Consideration and action on an ordinance authorizing the issuance of Electric Revenue Bonds of the City in an amount not to exceed \$5,200,000, or in lieu thereof, General Obligation Bonds (Electric System Alternate Revenue Source) in an amount not to exceed \$5,200,000, for the purpose of paying the costs of improving the City's electric system

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Summary: Staff has identified several infrastructure projects including but not limited to the Centerpoint substation, the diesel plant feeder exits, and several residential underground projects that will be necessary in the next few years in the electric department. Rather than deplete cash reserves, staff recommends taking advantage of the low interest rate environment and issue bonds. The debt service payments will be paid out of operating revenues. This will reduce the percentage of rate increases to our customers. The authorizing ordinance is the first step in the process of determining if this option is feasible for the City of Rochelle.

The City's financial advisors anticipate rates in the 3.60% range and the debt service term will be 15 years. The anticipated debt service payments will be approximately \$450,000 annually.

Funding Sources:

Source:	Budgeted Amount:	Proposed Expenditure:

Strategic Plan Goal Application: Reduce/Re-evaluate Debt – Long Term Complex, Maintain Fiscal Stability & Balanced Budget – Short Term Routine, Create a 20 Year Capital Improvement Plan – Short-Term Routine & Long-Term Complex

Recommendation: Approve an ordinance authorizing the issuance of Electric Revenue Bonds of the City in an amount not to exceed \$5,200,000, or in lieu thereof, General Obligation Bonds (Electric System Alternate Revenue Source) in an amount not to exceed \$5,200,000, for the purpose of paying the costs of improving the City's electric system