

NOTICE OF RESOLUTION OF INTENT

The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi (the "**Governing Body**"), acting for and on behalf of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi (the "**City**") took up for consideration the matter of providing financing for certain capital improvements of the City, and after a discussion of the subject matter, the following resolution was presented for consideration:

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY AND/OR ISSUE A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND OF THE CITY FOR SALE TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT BANK, IN ONE OR MORE TAXABLE OR TAX-EXEMPT SERIES, ALL IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$20,000,000); DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF SUCH INTENTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body, acting for and on behalf of the City, hereby finds, determines, adjudicates and declares as follows:

1. The City is authorized by Sections 21-33-301 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and/or supplemented from time to time (the "**City Bond Act**") to issue general obligation bonds for the purposes set forth therein, including, but not limited to, (i) constructing, improving or paving streets, sidewalks, driveways, parkways, walkways or public parking facilities, and purchasing land therefor; (ii) erecting, repairing, improving, adorning and equipping municipal buildings and purchasing buildings and land therefor; (iii) purchasing land for parks, cemeteries and public playgrounds, and improving, equipping and adorning the same, including the constructing, repairing and equipping of swimming pools and other recreational facilities; (iv) purchasing fire-fighting equipment and apparatus, and providing housing for same, and purchasing land therefor; (v) erecting or purchasing waterworks, gas, electric and other public utility plants or distribution systems or franchises, and repairing, improving and extending the same; (vi) establishing sanitary, storm, drainage or sewerage systems, and repairing, improving and extending the same; (vii) protecting a municipality, its streets and sidewalks from overflow, caving banks and other like dangers; (viii) constructing bridges and culverts; (ix) purchasing machinery and equipment, including motor vehicles weighing not less than twelve thousand (12,000) pounds, which have an expected useful life in excess of ten (10) years which expected useful life shall exceed the life of the bonds financing such purchase; and (x) for other authorized purposes under the City Bond Act, including funding capitalized interest, if applicable, and paying the costs of borrowing (collectively, the "**Project**").

2. The City is also authorized under Sections 31-25-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "**Bank Act**" and together with the City Bond Act, the "**Act**"), and other applicable laws of the State of Mississippi (the "**State**"), to issue a general obligation bond of the City to be sold to the Mississippi Development Bank (the "**Bank**") to finance the costs of the Project.

3. The Project is in accordance with and in furtherance of the provisions of the Act.

4. The Governing Body is authorized to provide financing for the costs of the Project either (a) through the issuance of general obligation bonds of the City, in one or more taxable or tax-exempt series, in a total aggregate principal amount not to exceed Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) (the "**Bonds**") pursuant to the City Bond Act, and/or, (b) through the issuance of a general obligation bond of the City, in one or more taxable or tax-exempt series, to be sold to the Bank (the "**City Bond**") in a total aggregate principal amount not to exceed Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000).

5. As of June 1, 2023, the assessed value of all taxable property within the City, according to the last completed assessment for taxation, is \$591,219,853, and the City has outstanding bonded indebtedness as subject to the fifteen percent (15%) debt limit prescribed by Section 21-33-303 of the City Bond Act, in the amount of \$40,290,000, and outstanding bonded and floating indebtedness as subject to the twenty percent (20%) debt limit prescribed by Section 21-33-303 of the City Bond Act (which amount includes the sum set forth above subject to the fifteen percent (15%) debt limit), in the amount of \$45,880,000.

6. The Bonds and/or the City Bond, when added to the outstanding bonded indebtedness of the City, including any indebtedness of the City issued subsequent to the adoption of this resolution but prior to the issuance of the Bonds and/or the City Bond, will not result in bonded indebtedness, exclusive of indebtedness not subject to the aforesaid fifteen percent (15%) debt limit, of more than fifteen percent (15%) of the assessed value of all taxable property within the City, and will not result in indebtedness, both bonded and floating, exclusive of indebtedness not subject to the aforesaid twenty percent (20%) debt limit, in excess of twenty percent (20%) of the assessed value of all taxable property within the City, and will not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation upon indebtedness which may be incurred by the City.

7. There has been no increase in said bonded and floating general obligation indebtedness of the City since June 1, 2023.

8. It is necessary for the health and well-being of the citizens of the City, and it would be in the best interest of the City for the Governing Body to provide financing for the costs of the Project by borrowing money through the issuance of the Bonds and/or the City Bond, all in accordance with the City Bond Act and/or the Act.

9. The Governing Body is authorized and empowered by the Act to issue the Bonds and/or the City Bond for the purposes as hereinafter set forth and there are no other available funds on hand or available from regular sources of income for such purposes.

10. The City reasonably expects that it will incur expenditures prior to the issuance of the Bonds and/or the City Bond which it intends to reimburse with the proceeds of the Bonds and/or the City Bond upon the issuance thereof. This declaration of official intent to reimburse expenditures made prior to the issuance of the Bonds and/or the City Bond in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and/or the City Bond is made pursuant to Department of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2 (the "**Reimbursement Regulations**"). The Project for which such expenditures are made is the same as described hereinabove. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for the Project is the amount hereinabove set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY, ACTING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Governing Body, acting for and on behalf of the City, hereby declares its intention to issue and sell the Bonds and/or the City Bond to the Bank, in one or more taxable or tax-exempt series, in the total aggregate principal amount not to exceed Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000).

SECTION 2. The Bonds or the City Bond are to be issued to raise money for the purpose of financing the Project in accordance with the Act.

SECTION 3. The Bonds or the City Bond may be issued in one or more taxable or tax-exempt series and, if issued, will be general obligations of the City payable as to principal and interest out of and secured by an irrevocable pledge of the avails of a direct and continuing tax to be levied annually without limitation as to time, rate, or amount upon all the taxable property within the geographical limits of the City; provided, however, that such tax levy for any year shall be abated pro tanto to the extent the City on or prior to September 1 of that year has transferred money to the bond fund of the Bonds or the City Bond, or has made other provisions for funds, to be applied toward the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds or the City Bond due during the ensuing fiscal year of the City, in accordance with the provisions of the bond resolution adopted by the Governing Body in connection with the issuance of the Bonds or the City Bond.

SECTION 4. The Governing Body proposes to direct the issuance of all or any portion of the Bonds or the City Bond in the amount and for the purposes and secured as aforesaid at a meeting of the Governing Body to be held at its usual meeting in City Hall, located at 71 East Troy Street, Tupelo, Mississippi, at the hour of 6:00 o'clock p.m. on August 1, 2023, or at some meeting or meetings subsequent thereto; provided, however, that if ten percent (10%) of the qualified electors of the City or fifteen hundred (1,500), whichever is less, shall file a written protest with the City Clerk of the City (the "City Clerk") in her office located in City Hall at 71 East Troy Street, Tupelo, Mississippi, against the issuance of the Bonds or the City Bond on or before 4:00 o'clock p.m. on August 1, 2023, then the Bonds or the City Bond shall not be issued unless approved at an election on the question thereof called and held as is provided by law; provided, further that if no protest is filed, then the Bonds or the City Bond may be issued and sold in one or more taxable or tax-exempt series without an election on the question of the issuance thereof at any time within a period of two (2) years after August 1, 2023.

SECTION 5. This resolution shall be published once a week for at least three (3) consecutive weeks in the *Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal*, a newspaper published in and having general circulation in the City and qualified under the provisions of Section 13-3-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and supplemented from time to time. The first publication of this resolution shall be made not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date fixed herein, and the last publication shall be made not more than seven (7) days prior to such date.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk of the Governing Body shall be and is hereby directed to procure from the publisher of the aforesaid newspaper the customary proof of the publication of this resolution and have the same before the Governing Body on the date and hour specified in Section 4 hereof.

SECTION 7. The City reasonably expects that it will incur expenditures prior to the issuance of the Bonds and/or the City Bond which it intends to reimburse with the proceeds of the Bonds and/or the City Bond upon the issuance thereof. This declaration of official intent to reimburse expenditures made prior to the issuance of the Bonds and/or the City Bond in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and/or the City Bond is made pursuant to the Reimbursement Regulations. The Project for which such expenditures are made is the same as described hereinabove. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for the Project is the amount hereinabove set forth.

SECTION 8. If any one or more of the provisions of this resolution shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any of the other provisions of this resolution, but this resolution shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision or provisions had not been contained herein.

The above and foregoing resolution, after having been first reduced to writing, was introduced by Council Member _____, seconded by Council Member _____ and was adopted by the following roll call vote, to wit:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

(Insert Vote Count)

The President thereby declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted, this the 20th day of June 2023.

ATTEST:

ADOPTED:

/s/

CLERK OF COUNCIL

/s/

PRESIDENT

The above and foregoing resolution having been submitted to and approved by the Mayor, this the 20th day of June 2023.

/s/

CITY CLERK

/s/

MAYOR

Publish as a legal notice for four (4) consecutive weeks on July 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2023.