

EXTRACT from the minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Vineland, in the County of Cumberland, New Jersey held in the Municipal Building on July 14, 2020.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

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\_\_\_\_\_ introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution and seconded the motion:

**RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF NOT TO EXCEED \$71,500,000 ELECTRIC UTILITY REFUNDING BONDS (FEDERALLY TAXABLE) OF THE CITY OF VINELAND, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY OR SUCH OTHER AMOUNT AS DETERMINED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO ACCOMPLISH THE REFUNDING ON THE TERMS REQUIRED BY THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5 AND CONSISTENT WITH THE REFUNDING PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND PROVIDE FOR THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF SUCH BONDS TO AN UNDERWRITER AS DETERMINED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER.**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VINELAND, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. An amount not to exceed \$71,500,000 Electric Utility Refunding Bonds (Federally Taxable) (the "Refunding Bonds") of the City of Vineland, in the County of Cumberland, New Jersey (the "City") (the specific par amount to be determined as provided

herein) and as more fully described in a refunding bond ordinance, finally adopted by the City pursuant to the Local Bond Law on July 14, 2020, and entitled, "Refunding Bond Ordinance of the City of Vineland, in the County of Cumberland, New Jersey, Providing for the Advance Refunding of all or a Portion of Certain Electric Utility Bonds, Series 2014, Appropriating \$71,500,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$71,500,000 Electric Utility Refunding Bonds (Federally Taxable) for Financing the Cost Thereof" (the "*Bonds*").

Section 2. The Bonds are hereby authorized to be sold to an underwriter to be determined by the Chief Financial Officer (the "*Underwriter*") at a purchase price determined by the parameters set forth below and otherwise consistent with the parameters set by the Local Finance Board in the Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "*Local Finance Board*") pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5* (the "*LFB Refunding Parameters*"):

(a) the principal amount of the aggregate amount of the Bonds does not exceed \$71,500,000;

(b) the Net Interest Cost of the Bonds does not exceed an interest rate that would enable the City to complete the refunding within the parameters established by the Local Finance Board;

(c) the Underwriter's discount does not exceed the amount as set forth in the Local Finance Board application;

(d) the maturity structure or weighted average maturity for the Bonds is substantially similar to the structure submitted to and approved by the Local Finance Board together with any adjustments recommended by the Underwriter on the sale date designed to reduce the total costs of the borrowing to the City;

(e) all conditions required by the Local Finance Board for the sale of the Bonds are satisfied.

Section 3. Phoenix Advisors, LLC is hereby authorized to act as the City's Financial Advisor (the "*Financial Advisor*") and to assist the City in negotiating the interest rates and terms for the Bonds.

Section 4. The Mayor or the Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized and directed, without further authorization, to enter into and execute a purchase contract (the "*Purchase Contract*") on behalf of the City with the Underwriter in the form satisfactory to bond counsel to the City and upon terms consistent with the above parameters. Upon execution of the Purchase Contract, the signature of the Mayor and/or the Chief Financial Officer shall be conclusively presumed to evidence any necessary approvals for the sale of the Bonds. If the Chief Financial Officer, after consultation with the Underwriter and the Financial Advisor, determines that the above parameters cannot be satisfied in the present market, the Bonds shall not be sold until such time as said parameters may be amended, in whole or in part, or a sale on different terms is otherwise approved by resolution of this City Council.

Section 5. (a) The Bonds shall be issued in the par amounts consistent with the parameters set forth in Section 2 hereof and determined by the Chief Financial Officer to be necessary to pay costs of issuance and to provide an escrow fund that, when invested, will be sufficient to provide for the timely payment of the principal and redemption premium, if any, and interest on \$63,250,000 of the outstanding principal amount of its Electric Utility Bonds, dated July 16, 2014 (the "*Bonds*"), originally issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$80,000,000, maturing on July 15 in each of the years 2024 through 2044, inclusive (the "*Refunded Bonds*").

(b) The Bonds shall be dated and shall bear interest at the rates per annum as the Chief Financial Officer shall determine.

(c) The Bonds shall be numbered and have such prefix or prefixes as determined necessary by the Chief Financial Officer and be sold and issued with such serial maturities or with

such term bond maturities payable from mandatory sinking fund payments made by the City as determined in the Purchase Contract.

(d) The Bonds shall mature in each of the years 2020 to 2044, inclusive, or such other years deemed consistent with the LFB Refunding Parameters and in the principal amounts as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer and shall bear interest on the dates as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer.

(e) The Bonds shall have redemption provisions as are set forth in the Purchase Contract.

(f) The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form. One certificate shall be issued for the aggregate principal amount of each series of Bonds maturing in each year. Both principal of and interest due on the Bonds will be payable in lawful money of the United States of America. Each certificate will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, which will act as securities depository (the "*Securities Depository*"). The certificates will be on deposit with the Securities Depository. The Securities Depository will be responsible for maintaining a book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants or the transfers of the interests among its participants. The participants will be responsible for maintaining records recording the beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds on behalf of individual purchasers. Individual purchases may be made in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof through book-entries made on the books and the records of the Securities Depository and its participants except that an amount maturing in any one year in excess of the largest principal amount thereof equaling a multiple of \$5,000 will be in the denominations of \$1,000 or any integral multiple thereof.

(g) The principal of and the interest due on the Bonds will be paid to the Securities Depository by the City on the respective maturity dates and due dates and will be credited on the respective maturity dates and due dates to the participants of the Securities Depository as listed on

the records of the Securities Depository as of the 15th next preceding each maturity date (the "Record Dates" for the Bonds). The Bonds shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer under the official seal of the City (or facsimile thereof) affixed, printed, engraved or reproduced thereon and attested by the manual signature of the Clerk.

Section 6. The Bonds shall be substantially in the following form with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the City to market the Bonds:

**REGISTERED  
NUMBER EU-\_\_**

**REGISTERED  
\$\_\_\_\_\_**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND**

**CITY OF VINELAND**

**ELECTRIC UTILITY REFUNDING BOND  
(FEDERALLY TAXABLE)**

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT:

DATED DATE:

MATURITY DATE:

INTEREST PAYMENT DATES:

INITIAL INTEREST PAYMENT DATE:

RATE OF INTEREST PER ANNUM:

CUSIP NUMBER:

CITY OF VINELAND, in the County of Cumberland, New Jersey (the "*City*") hereby acknowledges itself indebted and for value received promises to pay to Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, which will act as Securities Depository, on the MATURITY DATE, the PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, and to pay interest on such sum from the DATED DATE of this bond until the MATURITY DATE at the RATE OF INTEREST PER ANNUM semiannually on the INTEREST PAYMENT DATES in each year until maturity, commencing on the INITIAL INTEREST PAMENT DATE. Interest on this bond will be paid to the Securities Depository by the City and will be credited to the participants of the Securities Depository as listed on the records of the Securities Depository as of the 15<sup>th</sup> day prior to each INTEREST PAYMENT (the "Record Dates" for such payments). Principal of this bond, upon presentation and surrender to the City will be paid to the Securities Depository by the City and will be credited to the participants of The Depository Trust Company.

This bond is not transferable as to principal or interest. The participants are responsible for maintaining the records regarding the beneficial ownership interest in the bonds on behalf of the individual purchasers except to an authorized nominee of the Securities Depository. The Securities Depository shall be responsible for maintaining the book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants or the transfers of the interests among its participants.

[The bonds of this issue maturing prior to \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, are not subject to optional redemption prior to their stated maturities. The bonds of this issue maturing on or after \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ are redeemable at the option of the City in whole or in part on any date on or after \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ at 100% of the principal amount outstanding (the "Redemption Price") plus interest accrued to the date of redemption upon notice as required herein.

Notice of Redemption shall be given by mailing by first class mail in a sealed envelope with postage prepaid to the registered owners of the bonds not less than thirty (30) days, nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for redemption. Such mailing shall be to the owners of such bonds at their respective addresses as they last appear on the registration books kept for that purpose by the City or a duly appointed Bond Registrar. Any failure of the depository to advise any of its participants or any failure of any participant to notify any beneficial owner of any Notice of Redemption shall not affect the validity of the redemption proceedings. If the City determines to redeem a portion of the bonds prior to maturity, the bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by the City; the bonds to be redeemed having the same maturity shall be selected by the Securities Depository in accordance with its regulations.

So long as Cede & Co., as nominee of the Securities Depository, is the registered owner of the Bonds, the City shall send redemption notices only to Cede & Co.

If Notice of Redemption has been given as provided herein, the bonds or the portion thereof called for redemption shall be due and payable on the date fixed for redemption at the Redemption Price, together with accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. Interest shall cease to accrue on the bonds after the date fixed for redemption and no further interest shall accrue beyond the redemption date. Payment shall be made upon surrender of the bonds redeemed.

As long as The Depository Trust Company is the securities depository for the Bonds as provided herein, the procedures of The Depository Trust Company will determine the method of selection for redemption within a maturity. Otherwise, it will be by lot or by a similar method.]

This bond is one of an authorized issue of bonds and is issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, a refunding bond ordinance of the City, finally adopted March 24, 2020, and entitled, "Refunding Bond Ordinance of the City of Vineland, in the County of Cumberland, New Jersey, Providing for the Advance Refunding of all or a Portion of Certain Electric Utility Bonds, Series 2014, Appropriating \$71,500,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$71,500,000 Electric Utility Refunding Bonds (Federally Taxable) for Financing the Cost Thereof" and a resolution of the City duly adopted July 14, 2020.

The full faith and credit of the City are hereby irrevocably pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on this bond according to its terms.

It is hereby certified and recited that all conditions, acts and things required by the constitution or the statutes of the State of New Jersey to exist, to have happened or to have been performed precedent to or in the issuance of this bond exist, have happened and have been performed and that the issue of bonds of which this is one, together with all other indebtedness of the City, is within every debt and other limit prescribed by such constitution or statutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City has caused this bond to be executed in its name by the manual or facsimile signatures of its Mayor and its Chief Financial Officer, its corporate seal to be hereunto imprinted or affixed, this bond and the seal to be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of its Clerk and this bond to be dated the DATED DATE as specified above.

CITY OF VINELAND

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Financial Officer



Section 7. The law firm of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC is authorized to arrange for the printing of the Bonds. The proper officials of the City are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Bonds and to deliver them to the Underwriter upon receipt of payment therefor.

Section 8. The Bonds shall have printed thereon a copy of the written opinion with respect to the Bonds that is to be rendered by the law firm of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, complete except for omission of its date. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify the truth and the correctness of the copy of such opinion by executing on each of the Bonds by facsimile signature a certificate in form satisfactory to that law firm and to file a signed duplicate of such written opinion in the Clerk's office. Alternatively, each Bond may be accompanied by the signed legal opinion or copy thereof.

Section 9. The Bonds are being issued to refund the Refunded Bonds. The Chief Financial Officer shall take all steps necessary to call the Refunded Bonds on the first available call date at the applicable redemption price, deposit the proceeds of the Bonds with a bank for the purpose of defeasing the Refunded Bonds, invest the proceeds of the Bonds for this purpose and assist with the redemption of the Refunded Bonds. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with a bank (the "*Escrow Deposit Agreement*") to effectuate the purpose of this Section 9.

Section 10. The City hereby approves the preparation and the distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement on behalf of the City in the form approved or to be approved by the Chief Financial Officer. Such Official Statement may be distributed in preliminary form and deemed final for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission on behalf of the City by the Mayor or the Chief Financial Officer. The Preliminary Official Statement shall

be prepared in final form in connection with the issuance of the Bonds and the Mayor and/or the Chief Financial Officer of the City are authorized to execute any certificates necessary in connection with the distribution of the Official Statement. Final Official Statements shall be delivered to the Underwriter of the Bonds within the earlier of seven business days following the sale of the Bonds or to accompany the Underwriter's confirmations that request payment for the Bonds.

Section 11. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make representations and warranties, to enter into agreements and to make all arrangements with the Securities Depository, as may be necessary in order to provide that the Bonds will be eligible for deposit with the Securities Depository and to satisfy any obligation undertaken in connection therewith.

Section 12. In the event that the Securities Depository may determine to discontinue providing its service with respect to the Bonds or is removed by the City and if no successor Securities Depository is appointed, the Bonds which were previously issued in book-entry form shall be converted to Registered Bonds (the "*Registered Bonds*") in denominations of \$5,000, or any integral multiple thereof, except that an amount maturing in any one year in excess of the largest principal amount thereof equaling a multiple of \$5,000 will be in denominations of \$1,000, or any integral multiple thereof. The beneficial owner under the book-entry system, upon registration of the Bonds held in the beneficial owner's name, will become the registered owner of such Registered Bonds. The City shall be obligated to provide for the execution and delivery of the Registered Bonds in certificate form.

Section 13. The City hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequent imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "*Code*"), in order to preserve the

exemption from taxation of interest on Bonds, including the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on the Bonds, if necessary.

Section 14. On or prior to September 30 of each year, beginning September 30, 2021, electronically to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system or such other repository designated by the Securities and Exchange Commission to be an authorized repository for filing secondary market disclosure information, if any, annual financial information with respect to the City consisting of the audited financial statements (or unaudited financial statements if audited financial statements are not then available, which audited financial statements will be delivered when and if available) of the City and certain financial information and operating data consisting of (i) the City and overlapping indebtedness including a schedule of outstanding debt issued by the City, (ii) property valuation information, and (iii) tax rate, levy and collection data. The audited financial information will be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as modified by governmental accounting standards as may be required by New Jersey law.

(b) If any of the following events occur regarding the Bonds, a timely notice not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event sent to EMMA:

- (1) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) Non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (3) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (6) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
- (7) Modifications to rights of Bondholders, if material;

- (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (9) Defeasances;
- (10) Release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
- (11) Rating changes;
- (12) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the City;
- (13) The consummation of a merger, consolidation or acquisition involving the City or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the City, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (14) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- (15) Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the City, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation, any of which affect holders of the Bonds, if material; and
- (16) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms or other similar events under a Financial Obligation of the City, if any such event reflects financial difficulties.

The term "Financial Obligation" as used in subparagraphs (b)(15) and (b)(16) above means a (i) debt obligation, (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii); *provided, however*, that the term "Financial Obligation" shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board consistent with the Rule.

(c) Notice of failure of the City to provide required annual financial information on or before the date specified in this resolution shall be sent in a timely manner to EMMA.

(d) If all or any part of the Rule ceases to be in effect for any reason, then the information required to be provided under this resolution, insofar as the provisions of the Rule no longer in effect required the provision of such information, shall no longer be required to be provided.

(e) The Chief Financial Officer shall determine, in consultation with Bond Counsel, the application of the Rule or the exemption from the Rule for each issue of obligations of the City prior to their offering. Such officer is hereby authorized to enter into additional written contracts or undertakings to implement the Rule and is further authorized to amend such contracts or

undertakings or the undertakings set forth in this resolution; *provided*, such amendment is, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, in compliance with the Rule.

(f) In the event that the City fails to comply with the Rule requirements or the written contracts or undertakings specified in this resolution, the City shall not be liable for monetary damages. The sole remedy is hereby specifically limited to specific performance of the Rule requirements or the written contracts or undertakings therefor.

(g) The undertaking may be amended by the City from time to time, without the consent of the holders or beneficial owners of the Bonds, in order to make modifications required in connection with a change in legal requirements or change in law, which in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel complies with the Rule.

Section 15. There can be no assurance that there will be a secondary market for the sale or purchase of the Bonds. Such factors as prevailing market conditions, financial condition or market position of firms who may make the secondary market and the financial condition of the City may affect the future liquidity of the Bonds.

Section 16. The Mayor, the Chief Financial Officer, the Clerk and other appropriate representatives of the City are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to provide for the issuance of the Bonds and the refunding of the Refunded Bonds, including preparing and executing such agreements and documents on behalf of the City, satisfying in full the requirements of notice of redemption of the Refunded Bonds and taking all steps necessary or desirable to implement this resolution, such agreements and documents as may be necessary and appropriate and the transactions contemplated thereby.

Section 17. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to submit to the Local Finance Board, within ten days of the issuance of the Bonds, the items set forth in section (b) of N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5.

Section 18. The Mayor and/or Chief Financial Officer are each hereby authorized and directed to pay all costs of issuance in connection with the sale of the Bonds pursuant to a certificate of the Mayor and/or Chief Financial Officer to be executed upon delivery of the Bonds, each such cost in an amount not to exceed the amount set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto or, if in any greater amount, only upon the prior approval of the City in accordance with the customary procedure for approval and payment of bills.

Section 19. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

**CERTIFICATE**

I, Keith Petrosky, Clerk of City of Vineland, in the County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey (the "City"), HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing annexed extract from the minutes of a meeting of the governing body of the City duly called and held on July 14, 2020 has been compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in my office in the Minute Book of the governing body and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of the original minutes so far as they relate to the subject matters referred to in the extract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal  
of the City this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Keith Petrosky, Clerk

(SEAL)

Exhibit A

Authorized Costs of Issuance

McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, as Bond Counsel Underwriter (To Be Determined)	\$65,000.00
Phoenix Advisors, LLC, as Financial Advisor*	\$45,500.00
Ford, Scott & Associates LLC, as Auditor	\$12,500.00
Verification Agent (To Be Determined)	\$5,000.00
Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, as Rating Agency	\$45,000.00
Escrow Agent (To Be Determined)	\$3,000.00
McElwee & Quinn LLC, as Printer	\$2,500.00
Bond Insurance	**
Miscellaneous	\$3,750.00

\*Approved by separate resolution.

\*\*To the extent the Underwriter determines that the purchase of a bond insurance policy results in a lower interest rate on the Bonds and produces a savings which is greater than the cost of such bond insurance policy, the Underwriter is authorized to purchase such bond insurance policy to raise the credit rating on the Bonds, lower the interest rate on the Bonds and increase the total net debt service savings produced by the refunding.