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## 2024 Bond Refunding

Overview

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- The Harbor Department currently has a total of $\$ 493,770,000$ in outstanding bonds.
- After making customary principal and interest payments on August 1, 2024, \$264,695,000 (54\% of currently outstanding debt) will become callable.
- Callable amounts relate to the Series A, B and C bonds issued in 2014.
- The Harbor Department pays approximately 5\% interest on this debt.
- Despite recent interest rate increases, the Harbor Department can achieve debt service savings by refunding (refinancing) this callable debt at current interest rates.
- Interest rates (yields) are anticipated to range anywhere from 2.6\% - 4.3\%* on newly issued debt.

POLA Outstanding Debt
(\$ in millions)

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## Current Principal \& Interest Payments

- The Harbor Department is scheduled to make principal and interest payments through Fiscal Year (FY) 2045.
o From FY 2025-2027, debt service payments will approximate $\mathbf{\$ 6 7 . 5}$ million, on average.
- From FY 2028 and beyond, debt service payments will average only $\mathbf{\$ 2 8 . 1}$ million per year.

Current Debt Service Schedule (\$ in millions)


## Transaction Goals

- Under the envisioned transaction, $\$ 264.695$ million in outstanding 2014 A, B and C bonds will be refunded (refinanced) at lower interest rates to reduce annual debt service obligations through FY 2045 and produce positive net present value (NPV) savings.
- Assuming level annual savings (reduce orange bars on the prior slide by equal amounts):
- Staff anticipates realizing average debt service savings of over $\$ 2$ million per year.
- These debt service savings would translate into NPV savings of approximately $\$ 35$ million, or $\mathbf{1 3 \%}$ of the $\$ 264.695$ million in refunded par (\$35M/\$264.695M $\approx 13 \%$ ).
- This $\sim 13 \%$ in NPV savings would easily exceed the $3 \%$ savings threshold outlined in the Harbor Department's Debt Management Policy.
- See Section V(B) of the Harbor Department's Debt Management Policy for further details.
- Furthermore, given that this refunding opportunity would represent such a significant portion of the Harbor Department's current debt outstanding (over $50 \%$ of the Department's outstanding debt), staff is exploring additional enhancements to further optimize potential benefits.


## Key Upcoming Dates

- Staff has recently engaged a municipal advisor from its existing pool of municipal advisors to assist with delivery of this transaction.
- Key dates and deliverables are as follows:

| Date | Deliverable |
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| July 25,2024 | Board to consider approval of the underwriter syndicate and plan of finance |
| August 8,2024 | Board to consider approval of financing documents |
| August 20,2024 | Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee consider approval of plan of finance and <br> financing documents |
| September 3-4, 2024 | City Council/Mayor to consider approval of plan of finance and financing <br> documents |
| September 4-5, 2024 | Due diligence call and investor presentations |
| September 11-25,2024 | Pricing and Closing |

## Appendix - Market Rates

- The benchmark yield curve for municipal bonds is known as the MMD Yield Curve.
- Interest rates (yields) on the refunding bonds will be priced along the MMD Yield Curve plus a credit spread out to August 2044.
- The tax-exempt benefit of municipal bonds allows for typically lower rates than taxable treasury rates.


MMD Yield Curve

Treasury Yield Curve



[^0]:    * Future interest rate expectations are preliminary and subject to change.

