

**CITY OF HACKENSACK
ORDINANCE NUMBER 25-2024**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS
ACQUISITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE JOHN
EARL BUILDING, BY AND IN THE CITY OF HACKENSACK,
IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY;
APPROPRIATING \$2,305,000 THEREFOR AND
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,194,000 BONDS OR
NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST
THEREOF**

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HACKENSACK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements or purposes to be undertaken by the City of Hackensack, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the "City"). For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$2,305,000, said sum being inclusive of \$111,000 as the amount of down payment now available in the Capital Improvement Fund of the City for said improvements or purposes as authorized by the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the "Local Bond Law").

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof, and to meet the part of said \$2,305,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said down payment, negotiable bonds of the City are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$2,194,000 pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the City in a principal amount not exceeding \$2,194,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, said Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3. The improvements and purposes hereby authorized and purposes for the financing of which said debt obligations are to be issued, include, but are not limited to, various acquisitions and improvements to the John Earl Building, located at 220 Union Street in the City, consisting of (i) the installation of a new elevator, (ii) façade repairs, replacement of ramps and stairs, repairs to the foundation, repointing and brick cleaning, (iii) replacement of a boiler, (iv) renovations to the parking lot, and (v) the acquisition of security equipment for the Command Center. Such improvements and purposes shall also include all engineering and design work, surveying, construction planning, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, construction inspection and contract administration, and all work, materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvements or purposes is \$2,194,000.

(c) The estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is \$2,305,000.

SECTION 4. In the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Bergen make a contribution or grant in aid to the City for the improvements and purposes authorized hereby and the same shall be received by the City *prior* to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Bergen. In the event, however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Bergen shall be received by the City after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose. This Section 4 shall not apply, however, with respect to any contribution or grant

in aid received by the City as a result of using funds from this bond ordinance as “matching local funds” to receive such contribution or grant in aid.

SECTION 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the City, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the City. The Chief Financial Officer of the City shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer of the City upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8.1. The Chief Financial Officer of the City is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at a public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer of the City is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate, and the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 6. The City hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget of the City, as applicable. The capital budget or temporary capital budget, as applicable, of the City is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

SECTION 7. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and are improvements which the City may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of said capital improvements and/or equipment within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 11.71 years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the City and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the City as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$2,194,000, and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$225,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements herein before described.

SECTION 8. The full faith and credit of the City are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the City, and the City shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the City

for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 9. The City reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes. This Section 9 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the City's official intent to reimburse any expenditure toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. All reimbursement allocations will occur not later than eighteen (18) months after the later of (i) the date the expenditure from a source other than any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance is paid, or (ii) the date the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof are "placed in service" (within the meaning of Treasury Regulation §1.150-2) or abandoned, but in no event more than three (3) years after the expenditure is paid.

SECTION 10. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of the obligations of the City authorized herein and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the City. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the City pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of the obligations of the City, which are authorized herein, and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent

with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the City fails to comply with its undertaking, the City shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking

SECTION 11. The City covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the interest on all bonds and notes issued on a tax-exempt basis under this bond ordinance.

SECTION 12. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication of this bond ordinance after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Introduced: June 11, 2024
Adopted: June 25, 2024

ATTEST:

CITY OF HACKENSACK

By: _____
Deborah Karlsson, City Clerk

By: _____
John P. Labrosse, Jr., Mayor