



Legislation Text

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Dept/ Agency: Finance

Action: () Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending

Purpose: Approving loan and escrow agreements for Pequannock Water Treatment Project.

Amount to be Financed: \$23,000,000.00

Source of Appropriation: New Jersey Infrastructure Bank

Project Information:

(Description/ Project No./ Amount Appropriated/Ordinance No.)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF LOAN AGREEMENTS TO BE EXECUTED BY THE CITY OF NEWARK, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY AND EACH OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN ESCROW AGREEMENT, ALL PURSUANT TO THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 2024 WATER BANK FINANCING PROGRAM FOR FUNDING PROCESS AND OPERATIONAL UPGRADES AT THE PEQUANNOCK WATER TREATMENT PLANT.

Additional Information:

WHEREAS, the City of Newark (the "Local Unit"), in the County of Essex, New Jersey, determined that there existed a need within the Local Unit for process and operational upgrades at the Pequannock Water Treatment Plant (the "Project"), as said Project is more particularly defined in each of that certain Loan Agreement (the "I-Bank Loan Agreement") to be entered into by and between the Local Unit and the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (formerly known as the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust) (the "I-Bank") and that certain Loan Agreement (the "Fund Loan Agreement", and together with the I-Bank Loan Agreement, the "Loan Agreements") to be entered into by and between the Local Unit and the State of New Jersey, acting by and through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (the "State"), all pursuant to the State Fiscal Year 2024 New Jersey Water Bank Financing Program (the "Program"); and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit has determined to permanently finance the acquisition, construction, renovation or installation of the Project with the proceeds of a loan to be made by each of the I-Bank (the "I-Bank Loan") and the State (the "Fund Loan", and together with the I-Bank Loan, the "Loans") pursuant to the I-Bank Loan Agreement and the Fund Loan Agreement, respectively; and

WHEREAS, to evidence the Loans, each of the I-Bank and the State require the Local Unit to authorize, execute, attest and deliver the Local Unit's Qualified General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024, to the I-Bank (the "I-Bank Loan Bond") and Qualified General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024, to the State (the "Fund Loan Bond", and together with the I-Bank Loan Bond, the "Local Unit Bonds"), said Local Unit Bonds to be issued in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$23,000,000.00, pursuant to the terms of the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey (the "Local Bond Law"), other applicable

law and the Loan Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the I-Bank and the State have expressed their desire to close in escrow the making of the Loans, the issuance of the Local Unit Bonds and the execution and delivery of the Loan Agreements, all pursuant to the terms of an Escrow Agreement (the “Escrow Agreement”) to be entered into by and among the I-Bank, the State, the Local Unit and the escrow agent to be named therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

1. The I-Bank Loan Agreement, the Fund Loan Agreement and the Escrow Agreement (collectively, the “Financing Documents”) are hereby authorized to be executed and delivered on behalf of the City of Newark (“Local Unit”) by either the Mayor or the Chief Financial Officer in substantially the forms to be distributed by the I-Bank and the State, with such changes as the Mayor or the Chief Financial Officer (each an “Authorized Officer”), in their respective sole discretion, after consultation with counsel and any advisors to the Local Unit (collectively, the “Local Unit Consultants”) and after further consultation with the I-Bank, the State and their representatives, agents, counsel and advisors (collectively, the “Program Consultants”, and together with the Local Unit Consultants, the “Consultants”), shall determine, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such Financing Documents by an Authorized Officer as determined hereunder. The Local Unit City Clerk is hereby authorized to attest to the execution of the Financing Documents by an Authorized Officer of the Local Unit as determined hereunder and to affix the corporate seal of the Local Unit to such Financing Documents.

2. The Authorized Officers of the Local Unit are hereby further severally authorized to: (i) execute and deliver, and the Local Unit City Clerk is hereby further authorized to attest to such execution and to affix the corporate seal of the Local Unit to, any document, instrument or closing certificate deemed necessary, desirable or convenient by the Authorized Officers or the Local Unit City Clerk, as applicable, in their respective sole discretion, after consultation with the Consultants, to be executed in connection with the execution and delivery of the Financing Documents and the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby, which determination shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of each such certificate or other document by the party authorized hereunder to execute such certificate or other document; and (ii) perform such other actions as the Authorized Officers deem necessary, desirable or convenient in relation to the execution and delivery thereof.

3. This Resolution shall take effect upon the adoption hereof.

4. Upon the adoption hereof, the Local Unit City Clerk shall forward certified copies of this Resolution to DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole and Gibling, LLP, bond counsel to the Local Unit, and Richard Nolan, Esq., McCarter and English, LLP, bond counsel to the I-Bank.

STATEMENT

Resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of loan agreements pursuant to the State Fiscal Year 2024 Water Bank Financing Program for funding the City’s Pequannock Water treatment

Plant.