

*City Council Memorandum*

To: Mayor Fasbender & City Council members
From: Chris Eitemiller, Finance Manager
Date: March 18, 2024
Item: General Obligation Charter Bonds, Series 2024A

Council Action Requested:

Adopt the resolution approving the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds to finance infrastructure improvements (including the 2024 Neighborhood Project), Civic Arena upgrades and to complete financing for the City Hall Dome and HVAC repair and upgrade projects.

Background Information:

The City has initiated proceedings to sell general obligation charter bonds to finance the 2024 Neighborhood Project, upgrades to the Civic Arena and to complete financing for repairs and upgrades to the City Hall roof, dome, and HVAC systems, as well as replace boilers for both City Hall and the Police Department building. A portion of the bonds would be repaid through special assessments on benefitting properties. The City has retained financial advisor Northland Securities to assist in the bond sale.

The bond sale is scheduled for March 18. Results of the bond sale as well as an updated resolution will be provided to the City Council prior to the City Council meeting that evening. Tammy Omdal of Northland Securities will attend the City Council meeting to review the results of the bond sale.

Financial Impact:

Debt service payments will be due 2026 through 2035, amounts will depend on debt structure and interest amount pending bond sale on March 18.

Committee Discussion:

Not Applicable

Attachments:

- Resolution Providing for Issuance and Sale of \$10,295,000 General Obligation Charter Bonds, series 2024A
- 2024A Bond Sale Summary Plan
- S&P rating assessment document

EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF HASTINGS, MINNESOTA

HELD: MARCH 18, 2024

Pursuant to due call, a regular or special meeting of the City Council of the City of Hastings, Dakota and Washington Counties, Minnesota, was duly held at the City Hall on March 18, 2024, at 7:00 P.M., for the purpose of, in part, of authorizing the issuance and awarding the sale of \$10,295,000 General Obligation Charter Bonds, Series 2024A.

The following members were present:

and the following were absent:

Member _____ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF
\$10,295,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CHARTER BONDS, SERIES 2024A
AND LEVYING A TAX FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF

A. WHEREAS, the City of Hastings, Minnesota (the "City"), has heretofore determined and declared that it is necessary and expedient to issue \$10,295,000 General Obligation Charter Bonds, Series 2024A (the "Bonds" or individually, a "Bond"), pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475 and Section 5.16 of the City Charter to 2024A to finance (i) the betterment of the Hastings Civic Arena and City Hall; and (ii) improvements to various streets located within the City and the municipal water, sanitary sewer and storm water systems (the "Project"); and

B. WHEREAS, a resolution proposed to be adopted on February 20, 2024, determining to issue the Bonds not to exceed \$10,335,000 to finance the Project was published in the official newspaper on February 1, 2024, and February 8, 2024.

C. WHEREAS, the resolution determining to issue the Bonds was adopted by at least three-fourths (3/4ths) of all its members.

D. WHEREAS, no petition signed by voters equal to 5 percent of the votes cast in the City in the last general election requesting a vote on the issuance of the bonds was filed with the Clerk; and

E. WHEREAS, the City has retained Northland Securities, Inc., in Minneapolis, Minnesota ("Northland"), as its independent municipal advisor for the sale of the Bonds and was therefore authorized to sell the Bonds by private negotiation in accordance with Minnesota

Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 2(9) and proposals to purchase the Bonds have been solicited by Northland; and

F. WHEREAS, the proposals set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto were received by the Finance Manager, or designee, at the offices of Northland at 10:00 A.M. on the date hereof, pursuant to the Notice of Sale established for the Bonds; and

G. WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City that the Bonds be issued in book-entry form as hereinafter provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota, as follows:

1. Acceptance of Proposal. The proposal of _____ (the "Purchaser"), to purchase the Bonds, in accordance with the Notice of Sale, at the rates of interest hereinafter set forth, and to pay therefor the sum of \$_____, plus interest accrued to settlement, is hereby found, determined and declared to be the most favorable proposal received, is hereby accepted and the Bonds are hereby awarded to the Purchaser.

2. Bond Terms.

(a) Original Issue Date; Denominations; Maturities; Term Bond Option. The Bonds shall be dated April 17, 2024, as the date of original issue, shall be issued forthwith on or after such date in fully registered form, shall be numbered from R-1 upward in the denomination of \$5,000 each or in any integral multiple thereof of a single maturity (the "Authorized Denominations") and shall mature on February 1 in the years and amounts as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025		2031	
2026		2032	
2027		2033	
2028		2034	
2029		2035	
2030			

As may be requested by the Purchaser, one or more term Bonds may be issued having mandatory sinking fund redemption and final maturity amounts conforming to the foregoing principal repayment schedule, and corresponding additions may be made to the provisions of the applicable Bond(s).

(b) Book Entry Only System. The Depository Trust Company, a limited purpose trust company organized under the laws of the State of New York or any of its successors or its successors to its functions hereunder (the "Depository") will act as securities depository for the Bonds, and to this end:

(i) The Bonds shall be initially issued and, so long as they remain in book entry form only (the "Book Entry Only Period"), shall at all times be in the form of a

separate single fully registered Bond for each maturity of the Bonds; and for purposes of complying with this requirement under paragraphs 5 and 10 Authorized Denominations for any Bond shall be deemed to be limited during the Book Entry Only Period to the outstanding principal amount of that Bond.

(ii) Upon initial issuance, ownership of the Bonds shall be registered in a bond register maintained by the Bond Registrar (as hereinafter defined) in the name of CEDE & CO., as the nominee (it or any nominee of the existing or a successor Depository, the "Nominee").

(iii) With respect to the Bonds neither the City nor the Bond Registrar shall have any responsibility or obligation to any broker, dealer, bank, or any other financial institution for which the Depository holds Bonds as securities depository (the "Participant") or the person for which a Participant holds an interest in the Bonds shown on the books and records of the Participant (the "Beneficial Owner"). Without limiting the immediately preceding sentence, neither the City, nor the Bond Registrar, shall have any such responsibility or obligation with respect to (A) the accuracy of the records of the Depository, the Nominee or any Participant with respect to any ownership interest in the Bonds, or (B) the delivery to any Participant, any Owner or any other person, other than the Depository, of any notice with respect to the Bonds, including any notice of redemption, or (C) the payment to any Participant, any Beneficial Owner or any other person, other than the Depository, of any amount with respect to the principal of or premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds, or (D) the consent given or other action taken by the Depository as the Registered Holder of any Bonds (the "Holder"). For purposes of securing the vote or consent of any Holder under this Resolution, the City may, however, rely upon an omnibus proxy under which the Depository assigns its consenting or voting rights to certain Participants to whose accounts the Bonds are credited on the record date identified in a listing attached to the omnibus proxy.

(iv) The City and the Bond Registrar may treat as and deem the Depository to be the absolute owner of the Bonds for the purpose of payment of the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, for the purpose of giving notices of redemption and other matters with respect to the Bonds, for the purpose of obtaining any consent or other action to be taken by Holders for the purpose of registering transfers with respect to such Bonds, and for all purpose whatsoever. The Bond Registrar, as paying agent hereunder, shall pay all principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds only to the Holder or the Holders of the Bonds as shown on the bond register, and all such payments shall be valid and effective to fully satisfy and discharge the City's obligations with respect to the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

(v) Upon delivery by the Depository to the Bond Registrar of written notice to the effect that the Depository has determined to substitute a new Nominee in place of the existing Nominee, and subject to the transfer provisions in paragraph 10, references to the Nominee hereunder shall refer to such new Nominee.

(vi) So long as any Bond is registered in the name of a Nominee, all payments with respect to the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on such Bond and all notices with respect to such Bond shall be made and given, respectively, by the Bond Registrar or City, as the case may be, to the Depository as provided in the Letter of Representations to the Depository required by the Depository as a condition to its acting as book-entry Depository for the Bonds (said Letter of Representations, together with any replacement thereof or amendment or substitute thereto, including any standard procedures or policies referenced therein or applicable thereto respecting the procedures and other matters relating to the Depository's role as book-entry Depository for the Bonds, collectively hereinafter referred to as the "Letter of Representations").

(vii) All transfers of beneficial ownership interests in each Bond issued in book-entry form shall be limited in principal amount to Authorized Denominations and shall be effected by procedures by the Depository with the Participants for recording and transferring the ownership of beneficial interests in such Bonds.

(viii) In connection with any notice or other communication to be provided to the Holders pursuant to this Resolution by the City or Bond Registrar with respect to any consent or other action to be taken by Holders, the Depository shall consider the date of receipt of notice requesting such consent or other action as the record date for such consent or other action; provided, that the City or the Bond Registrar may establish a special record date for such consent or other action. The City or the Bond Registrar shall, to the extent possible, give the Depository notice of such special record date not less than 15 calendar days in advance of such special record date to the extent possible.

(ix) Any successor Bond Registrar in its written acceptance of its duties under this Resolution and any paying agency/bond registrar agreement, shall agree to take any actions necessary from time to time to comply with the requirements of the Letter of Representations.

(c) Termination of Book-Entry Only System. Discontinuance of a particular Depository's services and termination of the book-entry only system may be effected as follows:

(i) The Depository may determine to discontinue providing its services with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving written notice to the City and discharging its responsibilities with respect thereto under applicable law. The City may terminate the services of the Depository with respect to the Bond if it determines that the Depository is no longer able to carry out its functions as securities depository or the continuation of the system of book-entry transfers through the Depository is not in the best interests of the City or the Beneficial Owners.

(ii) Upon termination of the services of the Depository as provided in the preceding paragraph, and if no substitute securities depository is willing to undertake the functions of the Depository hereunder can be found which, in the opinion of the City, is willing and able to assume such functions upon reasonable or customary terms, or if the City determines that it is in the best interests of the City or the Beneficial Owners of the Bond that the Beneficial Owners be able to obtain certificates for the Bonds, the Bonds

shall no longer be registered as being registered in the bond register in the name of the Nominee, but may be registered in whatever name or names the Holder of the Bonds shall designate at that time, in accordance with paragraph 10. To the extent that the Beneficial Owners are designated as the transferee by the Holders, in accordance with paragraph 10, the Bonds will be delivered to the Beneficial Owners.

(iii) Nothing in this subparagraph (c) shall limit or restrict the provisions of paragraph 10.

(d) Letter of Representations. The provisions in the Letter of Representation are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of the resolution, and if and to the extent any such provisions are inconsistent with the other provisions of this resolution, the provisions in the Letter of Representation shall control.

3. Purpose. The Bonds shall provide funds to finance the Project. The total cost of the Project, which shall include all costs enumerated in Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.65, is estimated to be at least equal to the amount of the Bonds. Work on the Project shall proceed with due diligence to completion. The City covenants that it shall do all things and perform all acts required of it to assure that work on the Project proceeds with due diligence to completion and that any and all permits and studies required under law for the Project are obtained.

4. Interest. The Bonds shall bear interest payable semiannually on February 1 and August 1 of each year (each, an "Interest Payment Date"), commencing February 1, 2025, calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months, at the respective rates per annum set forth opposite the maturity years as follows:

<u>Maturity Year</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Year</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2025		2031	
2026		2032	
2027		2033	
2028		2034	
2029		2035	
2030			

5. Optional Redemption. All Bonds maturing February 1, 2033 and thereafter shall be subject to redemption and prepayment at the option of the City on February 1, 2032, and on any date thereafter at a price of par plus accrued interest. Redemption may be in whole or in part of the Bonds subject to prepayment. If redemption is in part, the maturities and the principal amounts within each maturity to be redeemed shall be determined by the City; and if only part of the Bonds having a common maturity date are called for prepayment, the specific Bonds to be prepaid shall be chosen by lot by the Bond Registrar. Bonds or portions thereof called for redemption shall be due and payable on the redemption date, and interest thereon shall cease to accrue from and after the redemption date. Mailed notice of redemption shall be given to the paying agent and to each affected registered holder of the Bonds at least thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption.

To effect a partial redemption of Bonds having a common maturity date, the Bond Registrar prior to giving notice of redemption shall assign to each Bond having a common maturity date a distinctive number for each \$5,000 of the principal amount of such Bond. The Bond Registrar shall then select by lot, using such method of selection as it shall deem proper in its discretion, from the numbers so assigned to such Bonds, as many numbers as, at \$5,000 for each number, shall equal the principal amount of such Bonds to be redeemed. The Bonds to be redeemed shall be the Bonds to which were assigned numbers so selected; provided, however, that only so much of the principal amount of each such Bond of a denomination of more than \$5,000 shall be redeemed as shall equal \$5,000 for each number assigned to it and so selected. If a Bond is to be redeemed only in part, it shall be surrendered to the Bond Registrar (with, if the City or Bond Registrar so requires, a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the City and Bond Registrar duly executed by the Holder thereof or the Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing) and the City shall execute (if necessary) and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver to the Holder of the Bond, without service charge, a new Bond or Bonds having the same stated maturity and interest rate and of any Authorized Denomination or Denominations, as requested by the Holder, in aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for the unredeemed portion of the principal of the Bond so surrendered.

6. Bond Registrar. U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, in St. Paul, Minnesota, is appointed to act as bond registrar and transfer agent with respect to the Bonds (the "Bond Registrar"), and shall do so unless and until a successor Bond Registrar is duly appointed, all pursuant to any contract the City and Bond Registrar shall execute which is consistent herewith. The Bond Registrar shall also serve as paying agent unless and until a successor paying agent is duly appointed. Principal and interest on the Bonds shall be paid to the registered Holders (or record holders) of the Bonds in the manner set forth in the form of Bond and paragraph 12.

7. Form of Bond. The Bonds, together with the Bond Registrar's Certificate of Authentication, the form of Assignment and the registration information thereon, shall be in substantially the following form:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF MINNESOTA
DAKOTA AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES
CITY OF HASTINGS

R-_____ \$_____

GENERAL OBLIGATION CHARTER BOND, SERIES 2024A

<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Date of Original Issue</u>	<u>CUSIP</u>
_____%	February 1,	April 17, 2024	

REGISTERED OWNER: CEDE & CO.

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: _____ DOLLARS

THE CITY OF HASTINGS, DAKOTA AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES, MINNESOTA (the "City" or the "Issuer"), certifies that it is indebted and for value received promises to pay to the registered owner specified above, or registered assigns, in the manner hereinafter set forth, the principal amount specified above, on the maturity date specified above, unless called for earlier redemption and to pay interest thereon semiannually on February 1 and August 1 of each year (each, an "Interest Payment Date"), commencing February 1, 2025, at the rate per annum specified above (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months) until the principal sum is paid or has been provided for. This Bond will bear interest from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid, from the date of original issue hereof. The principal of and premium, if any, on this Bond are payable upon presentation and surrender hereof at the principal office of U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, in St. Paul, Minnesota (the "Bond Registrar"), acting as paying agent, or any successor paying agent duly appointed by the Issuer. Interest on this Bond will be paid on each Interest Payment Date by check or draft mailed to the person in whose name this Bond is registered (the "Holder" or "Bondholder") on the registration books of the Issuer maintained by the Bond Registrar and at the address appearing thereon at the close of business on the fifteenth (15th) day of the calendar month next preceding such Interest Payment Date (the "Regular Record Date"). Any interest not so timely paid shall cease to be payable to the person who is the Holder hereof as of the Regular Record Date, and shall be payable to the person who is the Holder hereof at the close of business on a date (the "Special Record Date") fixed by the Bond Registrar whenever money becomes available for payment of the defaulted interest. Notice of the Special Record Date shall be given to Bondholders not less than ten days prior to the Special Record Date. The principal of and premium, if any, and interest on this Bond are payable in lawful money of the United States of America. So long as this Bond is registered in the name of the Depository or its Nominee as provided in the Resolution hereinafter described, and as those terms are defined therein, payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on this Bond and notice with respect thereto shall be made as provided in the Letter of Representations, as defined in the Resolution, and surrender of this Bond shall not be required for payment of the redemption price upon a partial redemption of this Bond. Until termination of

the book-entry only system pursuant to the Resolution, Bonds may only be registered in the name of the Depository or its Nominee.

Optional Redemption. All Bonds of this issue (the "Bonds") maturing February 1, 2033 and thereafter are subject to redemption and prepayment at the option of the Issuer on February 1, 2032, and on any date thereafter at a price of par plus accrued interest. Redemption may be in whole or in part of the Bonds subject to prepayment. If redemption is in part, the maturities and the principal amounts within each maturity to be redeemed shall be determined by the Issuer; and if only part of the Bonds having a common maturity date are called for prepayment, the specific Bonds to be prepaid shall be chosen by lot by the Bond Registrar. Bonds or portions thereof called for redemption shall be due and payable on the redemption date, and interest thereon shall cease to accrue from and after the redemption date. Mailed notice of redemption shall be given to the paying agent and to each affected registered holder of the Bonds at least thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption.

Prior to the date on which any Bond or Bonds are directed by the Issuer to be redeemed in advance of maturity, the Issuer will cause notice of the call thereof for redemption identifying the Bonds to be redeemed to be mailed to the Bond Registrar and all Bondholders, at the addresses shown on the Bond Register. All Bonds so called for redemption will cease to bear interest on the specified redemption date, provided funds for their redemption have been duly deposited.

Selection of Bonds for Redemption; Partial Redemption. To effect a partial redemption of Bonds having a common maturity date, the Bond Registrar shall assign to each Bond having a common maturity date a distinctive number for each \$5,000 of the principal amount of such Bond. The Bond Registrar shall then select by lot, using such method of selection as it shall deem proper in its discretion, from the numbers assigned to the Bonds, as many numbers as, at \$5,000 for each number, shall equal the principal amount of the Bonds to be redeemed. The Bonds to be redeemed shall be the Bonds to which were assigned numbers so selected; provided, however, that only so much of the principal amount of such Bond of a denomination of more than \$5,000 shall be redeemed as shall equal \$5,000 for each number assigned to it and so selected. If a Bond is to be redeemed only in part, it shall be surrendered to the Bond Registrar (with, if the Issuer or Bond Registrar so requires, a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Issuer and Bond Registrar duly executed by the Holder thereof or the Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing) and the Issuer shall execute (if necessary) and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver to the Holder of the Bond, without service charge, a new Bond or Bonds having the same stated maturity and interest rate and of any Authorized Denomination or Denominations, as requested by the Holder, in aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for the unredeemed portion of the principal of the Bond so surrendered.

Issuance; Purpose; General Obligation. This Bond is one of an issue in the total principal amount of \$10,295,000, all of like date of original issue and tenor, except as to number, maturity, interest rate, denomination and redemption privilege, issued pursuant to and in full conformity with the Constitution, Charter of the Issuer and laws of the State of Minnesota and pursuant to a resolution adopted by the City Council on March 18, 2024 (the "Resolution"), for the purpose of providing money to finance (i) the betterment of the Hastings Civic Arena and City Hall; and (ii) improvements to various streets located within the City and water, sanitary sewer and storm

water systems within the jurisdiction of the Issuer. This Bond is payable out of the General Obligation Charter Bonds, Series 2024A Fund of the Issuer. This Bond constitutes a general obligation of the Issuer, and to provide moneys for the prompt and full payment of its principal, premium, if any, and interest when the same become due, the full faith and credit and taxing powers of the Issuer have been and are hereby irrevocably pledged.

Denominations; Exchange; Resolution. The Bonds are issuable solely in fully registered form in Authorized Denominations (as defined in the Resolution) and are exchangeable for fully registered Bonds of other Authorized Denominations in equal aggregate principal amounts at the principal office of the Bond Registrar, but only in the manner and subject to the limitations provided in the Resolution. Reference is hereby made to the Resolution for a description of the rights and duties of the Bond Registrar. Copies of the Resolution are on file in the principal office of the Bond Registrar.

Transfer. This Bond is transferable by the Holder in person or by the Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing at the principal office of the Bond Registrar upon presentation and surrender hereof to the Bond Registrar, all subject to the terms and conditions provided in the Resolution and to reasonable regulations of the Issuer contained in any agreement with the Bond Registrar. Thereupon the Issuer shall execute and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver, in exchange for this Bond, one or more new fully registered Bonds in the name of the transferee (but not registered in blank or to "bearer" or similar designation), of an Authorized Denomination or Denominations, in aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of this Bond, of the same maturity and bearing interest at the same rate.

Fees upon Transfer or Loss. The Bond Registrar may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection with the transfer or exchange of this Bond and any legal or unusual costs regarding transfers and lost Bonds.

Treatment of Registered Owners. The Issuer and Bond Registrar may treat the person in whose name this Bond is registered as the owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment as herein provided (except as otherwise provided herein with respect to the Record Date) and for all other purposes, whether or not this Bond shall be overdue, and neither the Issuer nor the Bond Registrar shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

Authentication. This Bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any security unless the Certificate of Authentication hereon shall have been executed by the Bond Registrar.

Not Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligation. This Bond has not been designated by the Issuer as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED AND RECITED that all acts, conditions and things required by the Constitution, Charter of the Issuer and laws of the State of Minnesota to be done, to happen and to be performed, precedent to and in the issuance of this Bond, have been done, have happened and have been performed, in regular and due form, time and manner as required by law, and that this Bond, together with all other debts of the Issuer outstanding on the date of

original issue hereof and the date of its issuance and delivery to the original purchaser, does not exceed any constitutional, charter or statutory limitation of indebtedness.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Hastings, Dakota and Washington Counties, Minnesota, by its City Council has caused this Bond to be executed on its behalf by the facsimile signatures of its Mayor and Its Clerk, the corporate seal of the Issuer having been intentionally omitted as permitted by law.

Date of Registration:

Registrable by:

U.S. BANK TRUST
COMPANY, NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION

Payable at:

U.S. BANK TRUST
COMPANY, NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION

BOND REGISTRAR'S
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHENTICATION
This Bond is one of the
Bonds described in the
Resolution mentioned
Within.

U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
St. Paul, Minnesota
Bond Registrar

CITY OF HASTINGS,
DAKOTA AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES,
MINNESOTA

/s/ Facsimile

Mayor

/s/ Facsimile

Clerk

By: _____
Authorized Signature

8. Execution. The Bonds shall be in typewritten form, shall be executed on behalf of the City by the signatures of its Mayor and Clerk and be sealed with the seal of the City; provided, as permitted by law, both signatures may be photocopied facsimiles and the corporate seal has been omitted. In the event of disability or resignation or other absence of either officer, the Bonds may be signed by the manual or facsimile signature of the officer who may act on behalf of the absent or disabled officer. In case either officer whose signature or facsimile of whose signature shall appear on the Bonds shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of the Bonds, the signature or facsimile shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if the officer had remained in office until delivery.

9. Authentication. No Bond shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any security or benefit under this resolution unless a Certificate of Authentication on such Bond, substantially in the form hereinabove set forth, shall have been duly executed by an authorized representative of the Bond Registrar. Certificates of Authentication on different Bonds need not be signed by the same person. The Bond Registrar shall authenticate the signatures of officers of the City on each Bond by execution of the Certificate of Authentication on the Bond and by inserting as the date of registration in the space provided the date on which the Bond is authenticated, except that for purposes of delivering the original Bonds to the Purchaser, the Bond Registrar shall insert as a date of registration the date of original issue of April 17, 2024. The Certificate of Authentication so executed on each Bond shall be conclusive evidence that it has been authenticated and delivered under this resolution.

10. Registration; Transfer; Exchange. The City will cause to be kept at the principal office of the Bond Registrar a bond register in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as the Bond Registrar may prescribe, the Bond Registrar shall provide for the registration of Bonds and the registration of transfers of Bonds entitled to be registered or transferred as herein provided.

Upon surrender for transfer of any Bond at the principal office of the Bond Registrar, the City shall execute (if necessary), and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate, insert the date of registration (as provided in paragraph 9) of, and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Bonds of any Authorized Denomination or Denominations of a like aggregate principal amount, having the same stated maturity and interest rate, as requested by the transferor; provided, however, that no Bond may be registered in blank or in the name of "bearer" or similar designation.

At the option of the Holder, Bonds may be exchanged for Bonds of any Authorized Denomination or Denominations of a like aggregate principal amount and stated maturity, upon surrender of the Bonds to be exchanged at the principal office of the Bond Registrar. Whenever any Bonds are so surrendered for exchange, the City shall execute (if necessary), and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate, insert the date of registration of, and deliver the Bonds which the Holder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

All Bonds surrendered upon any exchange or transfer provided for in this resolution shall be promptly canceled by the Bond Registrar and thereafter disposed of as directed by the City.

All Bonds delivered in exchange for or upon transfer of Bonds shall be valid general obligations of the City evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this resolution, as the Bonds surrendered for such exchange or transfer.

Every Bond presented or surrendered for transfer or exchange shall be duly endorsed or be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer, in form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar, duly executed by the Holder thereof or the Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing.

The Bond Registrar may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection with the transfer or exchange of any Bond and any legal or unusual costs regarding transfers and lost Bonds.

Transfers shall also be subject to reasonable regulations of the City contained in any agreement with the Bond Registrar, including regulations which permit the Bond Registrar to close its transfer books between record dates and payment dates. The Finance Manager is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute the terms of said agreement.

11. Rights Upon Transfer or Exchange. Each Bond delivered upon transfer of or in exchange for or in lieu of any other Bond shall carry all the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue, which were carried by such other Bond.

12. Interest Payment; Record Date. Interest on any Bond shall be paid on each Interest Payment Date by check or draft mailed to the person in whose name the Bond is registered (the "Holder") on the registration books of the City maintained by the Bond Registrar and at the address appearing thereon at the close of business on the fifteenth (15th) day of the calendar month next preceding such Interest Payment Date (the "Regular Record Date"). Any such interest not so timely paid shall cease to be payable to the person who is the Holder thereof as of the Regular Record Date, and shall be payable to the person who is the Holder thereof at the close of business on a date (the "Special Record Date") fixed by the Bond Registrar whenever money becomes available for payment of the defaulted interest. Notice of the Special Record Date shall be given by the Bond Registrar to the Holders not less than ten days prior to the Special Record Date.

13. Treatment of Registered Owner. The City and Bond Registrar may treat the person in whose name any Bond is registered as the owner of such Bond for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of and premium, if any, and interest (subject to the payment provisions in paragraph 12) on, such Bond and for all other purposes whatsoever whether or not such Bond shall be overdue, and neither the City nor the Bond Registrar shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

14. Delivery; Application of Proceeds. The Bonds when so prepared and executed shall be delivered by the Finance Manager to the Purchaser upon receipt of the purchase price, and the Purchaser shall not be obliged to see to the proper application thereof.

15. Funds. There is hereby established a special fund to be designated the "General Obligation Charter Bonds, Series 2024A Fund" (the "Fund") to be administered and maintained by the Finance Manager as a bookkeeping account separate and apart from all other funds maintained in the official financial records of the City. The Fund shall be maintained in the

manner herein specified until all of the Bonds and the interest thereon have been fully paid. There shall be maintained in the Fund the following two (2) separate accounts, to be designated the "Construction Account" and "Debt Service Account", respectively.

(a) Construction Account. To the Construction Account there shall be credited the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds, less capitalized interest. From the Construction Account there shall be paid all costs and expenses of making the Project, including the cost of any construction contracts heretofore let and all other costs incurred and to be incurred of the kind authorized in Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.65. Moneys in the Construction Account shall be used for no other purpose except as otherwise provided by law; provided that the proceeds of the Bonds may also be used to the extent necessary to pay interest on the Bonds due prior to the anticipated date of commencement of the collection of taxes herein levied or covenanted to be levied; and provided further that if upon completion of the Project there shall remain any unexpended balance in the Construction Account, the balance shall be transferred to the Debt Service Account.

(b) Debt Service Account. There are hereby irrevocably appropriated and pledged and shall be credited to the Debt Service Account (i) capitalized interest in the amount of \$_____ and available City funds in the amount of \$_____ (together with interest earnings thereon and subject to such other adjustments as are appropriate) to provide sufficient funds to pay interest due on the Bonds on or before February 1, 2025); (ii) all collections of taxes herein or hereafter levied for the payment of the Bonds; (iii) all funds remaining in the Construction Account after completion of the Project and payment of the costs thereof; (iv) all investment earnings on funds held in the Debt Service Account; and (v) any and all other moneys which are properly available and are appropriated by the governing body of the City to the Debt Service Account. The amount of any surplus remaining in the Debt Service Account when the Bonds and interest thereon are paid shall be used consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.61, Subdivision 4. The Debt Service Account shall be used solely to pay the principal and interest on the Bonds and any other general obligation bonds of the City hereafter issued by the City and made payable from the Debt Service Account as provided by law.

No portion of the proceeds of the Bonds shall be used directly or indirectly to acquire higher yielding investments or to replace funds which were used directly or indirectly to acquire higher yielding investments, except (i) for a reasonable temporary period until such proceeds are needed for the purpose for which the Bonds were issued and (ii) in addition to the above in an amount not greater than the lesser of five percent of the proceeds of the Bonds or \$100,000. To this effect, any proceeds of the Bonds and any sums from time to time held in the Construction Account or Debt Service Account (or any other City account which will be used to pay principal or interest to become due on the bonds payable therefrom) in excess of amounts which under then applicable federal arbitrage regulations may be invested without regard to yield shall not be invested at a yield in excess of the applicable yield restrictions imposed by said arbitrage regulations on such investments after taking into account any applicable "temporary periods" or "minor portion" made available under the federal arbitrage regulations. Money in the Construction Account shall not be invested in obligations or deposits issued by, guaranteed by or insured by the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof if and to the extent that such investment would cause the Bonds to be "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

16. Tax Levy; Coverage Test. To provide moneys for payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds there is hereby levied upon all of the taxable property in the City a direct annual ad valorem tax which shall be spread upon the tax rolls and collected with and as part of other general property taxes in the City for the years and in the amounts as follows:

<u>Years of Tax Levy</u>	<u>Years of Tax Collection</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE IN EXHIBIT B

The tax levies are such that if collected in full they will produce at least five percent in excess of the amount needed to meet when due the principal and interest payments on the Bonds. The tax levies shall be irrevocable so long as any of the Bonds are outstanding and unpaid, provided that the City reserves the right and power to reduce the levies in the manner and to the extent permitted by Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.61, Subdivision 3.

17. General Obligation Pledge. For the prompt and full payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds, as the same respectively become due, the full faith, credit and taxing powers of the City shall be and are hereby irrevocably pledged. If the balance in the Debt Service Account is ever insufficient to pay all principal and interest then due on the Bonds and any other bonds payable therefrom, the deficiency shall be promptly paid out of any other funds of the City which are available for such purpose, and such other funds may be reimbursed with or without interest from the Debt Service Account when a sufficient balance is available therein.

18. Defeasance. When all Bonds have been discharged as provided in this paragraph, all pledges, covenants and other rights granted by this resolution to the registered holders of the Bonds shall, to the extent permitted by law, cease. The City may discharge its obligations with respect to any Bonds which are due on any date by irrevocably depositing with the Bond Registrar on or before that date a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full; or if any Bond should not be paid when due, it may nevertheless be discharged by depositing with the Bond Registrar a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full with interest accrued to the date of such deposit. The City may also discharge its obligations with respect to any prepayable Bonds called for redemption on any date when they are prepayable according to their terms, by depositing with the Bond Registrar on or before that date a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full, provided that notice of redemption thereof has been duly given. The City may also at any time discharge its obligations with respect to any Bonds, subject to the provisions of law now or hereafter authorizing and regulating such action, by depositing irrevocably in escrow, with a suitable banking institution qualified by law as an escrow agent for this purpose, cash or securities described in Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.67, Subdivision 8, bearing interest payable at such times and at such rates and maturing on such dates as shall be required, without regard to sale and/or reinvestment, to pay all amounts to become due thereon to maturity or, if notice of redemption as herein required has been duly provided for, to such earlier redemption date.

19. Compliance With Reimbursement Bond Regulations. The provisions of this paragraph are intended to establish and provide for the City's compliance with United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2 (the "Reimbursement Regulations") applicable to the "reimbursement proceeds" of the Bonds, being those portions thereof which will be used by the

City to reimburse itself for any expenditure which the City paid or will have paid prior to the Closing Date (a "Reimbursement Expenditure").

The City hereby certifies and/or covenants as follows:

(a) Not later than 60 days after the date of payment of a Reimbursement Expenditure, the City (or person designated to do so on behalf of the City) has made or will have made a written declaration of the City's official intent (a "Declaration") which effectively (i) states the City's reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for the payment of the Reimbursement Expenditure out of the proceeds of a subsequent borrowing; (ii) gives a general and functional description of the property, project or program to which the Declaration relates and for which the Reimbursement Expenditure is paid, or identifies a specific fund or account of the City and the general functional purpose thereof from which the Reimbursement Expenditure was to be paid (collectively the "Program"); and (iii) states the maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued by the City for the purpose of financing the Program; provided, however, that no such Declaration shall necessarily have been made with respect to: (i) "preliminary expenditures" for the Program, defined in the Reimbursement Regulations to include engineering or architectural, surveying and soil testing expenses and similar prefatory costs, which in the aggregate do not exceed 20% of the "issue price" of the Bonds, and (ii) a de minimis amount of Reimbursement Expenditures not in excess of the lesser of \$100,000 or 5% of the proceeds of the Bonds.

(b) Each Reimbursement Expenditure is a capital expenditure or a cost of issuance of the Bonds or any of the other types of expenditures described in Section 1.150-2(d)(3) of the Reimbursement Regulations.

(c) The "reimbursement allocation" described in the Reimbursement Regulations for each Reimbursement Expenditure shall and will be made forthwith following (but not prior to) the issuance of the Bonds, and not later than 18 months after the later of (i) the date of the payment of the Reimbursement Expenditure, or (ii) the date on which the Project to which the Reimbursement Expenditure relates is first placed in service, but in no event more than three years after the date of payment of the Reimbursement Expenditure.

(d) Each such reimbursement allocation will be made in a writing that evidences the City's use of Bond proceeds to reimburse the Reimbursement Expenditure and, if made within 30 days after the Bonds are issued, shall be treated as made on the day the Bonds are issued.

Provided, however, that the City may take action contrary to any of the foregoing covenants in this paragraph upon receipt of an opinion of its Bond Counsel for the Bonds stating in effect that such action will not impair the tax-exempt status of the Bonds.

20. Continuing Disclosure. The City is the sole obligated person with respect to the Bonds. The City hereby agrees, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule"), promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking (the "Undertaking") hereinafter described to:

(a) Provide or cause to be provided to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") by filing at www.emma.msrb.org in accordance with the Rule, certain annual

financial information and operating data in accordance with the Undertaking. The City reserves the right to modify from time to time the terms of the Undertaking as provided therein.

(b) Provide or cause to be provided to the MSRB notice of the occurrence of certain events with respect to the Bonds in not more than ten (10) business days after the occurrence of the event, in accordance with the Undertaking.

(c) Provide or cause to be provided to the MSRB notice of a failure by the City to provide the annual financial information with respect to the City described in the Undertaking, in not more than ten (10) business days following such occurrence.

(d) The City agrees that its covenants pursuant to the Rule set forth in this paragraph and in the Undertaking is intended to be for the benefit of the Holders of the Bonds and shall be enforceable on behalf of such Holders; provided that the right to enforce the provisions of these covenants shall be limited to a right to obtain specific enforcement of the City's obligations under the covenants.

The Mayor and Clerk of the City, or any other officer of the City authorized to act in their place (the "Officers") are hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City the Undertaking in substantially the form presented to the City Council subject to such modifications thereof or additions thereto as are (i) consistent with the requirements under the Rule, (ii) required by the Purchaser of the Bonds, and (iii) acceptable to the Officers.

21. Certificate of Registration and Tax Levy. The Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the County Auditors of Dakota and Washington Counties, Minnesota, together with such other information as each of the County Auditors shall require, and to obtain from each County Auditor their certificate that the Bonds have been entered in their Bond Register, and that the tax levy required by law has been made.

22. Records and Certificates. The officers of the City are hereby authorized and directed to prepare and furnish to the Purchaser, and to the attorneys approving the legality of the issuance of the Bonds, certified copies of all proceedings and records of the City relating to the Bonds and to the financial condition and affairs of the City, and such other affidavits, certificates and information as are required to show the facts relating to the legality and marketability of the Bonds as the same appear from the books and records under their custody and control or as otherwise known to them, and all such certified copies, certificates and affidavits, including any heretofore furnished, shall be deemed representations of the City as to the facts recited therein.

23. Negative Covenant as to Use of Proceeds and Project. The City hereby covenants not to use the proceeds of the Bonds or to use the Project, or to cause or permit them to be used, or to enter into any deferred payment arrangements for the cost of the Project, in such a manner as to cause the Bonds to be "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Sections 103 and 141 through 150 of the Code.

24. Tax-Exempt Status of the Bonds; Rebate. The City shall comply with requirements necessary under the Code to establish and maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103 of the Code of the interest on the Bonds, including without limitation (i) requirements relating to temporary periods for investments, (ii) limitations on amounts

invested at a yield greater than the yield on the Bonds, and (iii) the rebate of excess investment earnings to the United States. The City expects to satisfy the twenty-four month exemption for gross proceeds of the Bonds as provided in Section 1.148-7(e) of the Regulations. The Mayor and/or the Clerk and/or the Finance Manager, are hereby authorized and directed to make such elections as to arbitrage and rebate matters relating to the Bonds as they deem necessary, appropriate or desirable in connection with the Bonds, and all such elections shall be, and shall be deemed and treated as, elections of the City.

25. No Designation of Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations. The City will not designate the Bonds as "qualified tax exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

26. Official Statement. The Official Statement relating to the Bonds prepared and distributed by Northland is hereby approved and the officers of the City are authorized in connection with the delivery of the Bonds to sign such certificates as may be necessary with respect to the completeness and accuracy of the Official Statement.

27. Severability. If any section, paragraph or provision of this resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this resolution.

28. Headings. Headings in this resolution are included for convenience of reference only and are not a part hereof, and shall not limit or define the meaning of any provision hereof.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by member _____ and, after a full discussion thereof and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

Whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF DAKOTA
CITY OF HASTINGS

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the City of Hastings, Minnesota, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the attached and foregoing extract of minutes with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a full, true and complete transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the City Council duly called and held on the date therein indicated, insofar as the minutes relate to considering proposals and awarding the competitive negotiated sale of \$10,295,000 General Obligation Charter Bonds, Series 2024A.

WITNESS my hand on March 18, 2024.

Clerk

EXHIBIT A

PROPOSALS

[To follow after sale]

EXHIBIT B
TAX LEVY SCHEDULE
[To follow after sale]

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Summary:**Hastings, Minnesota; General Obligation****Credit Profile**

US\$10.295 mil GO charter bonds ser 2024A due 02/01/2035

Long Term Rating

AA+/Stable

New

Credit Highlights

- S&P Global Ratings assigned its 'AA+' rating to Hastings, Minn.'s \$10.295 million general obligation charter bonds.
- The outlook is stable.

Security

Securing the bonds is the city's full faith and credit pledge and ability to levy unlimited ad valorem property taxes. The bond proceeds will finance civic arena and city hall improvements along with street and utility improvements.

Credit overview

The city has sustained positive financial operations, which we believe is partially attributable to its financial management practices and policies and increasing tax base. For the fiscal 2024 budget, management and department heads continued to use long-term financial planning software to evaluate the future effects of current budgetary decisions. This is one factor behind our Financial Management Assessment score of strong; we believe the strong management and use of such forecasts will continue to support stability in financial operations. In addition, the tax base has continued to expand, with new developments and robust housing demand. Between the numerous new developments underway and in planning, the city's accessibility to the Minneapolis and St. Paul metropolitan statistical area (MSA), and Hastings' relatively low housing prices, we expect strong economic growth will persist in the near term. Despite our very strong management and budgetary flexibility assessments and expectations that budgetary performance will remain at least strong, key credit constraints for the rating are the city's below-peer economic measures that we believe, even with strong growth per capita market value and projected per capital effective buying income, will remain below medians of higher-rated cities nationally.

Fiscal 2023 general fund results project a deficit when including the city's fire and ambulance fund as part of the general fund. The 2023 budget was adopted with a minor deficit. However, it included several non-urgent capital projects that we believe provide additional budgetary flexibility, but the fire and ambulance fund had a reduction in revenue from the city switching billing vendors. An increase to ambulance service rates has been put into effect in fiscal 2024 to restore balance. The 2024 budget continues the trend of having a small use of reserves incorporated into it, but this again is driven by non-urgent capital projects. Hastings has a fund balance policy to hold 35%-45% of expenditures in reserves. Given actions taken to restore balance in fiscal 2024 and proactive management, we expect fiscal 2024 will end with at least adequate budgetary performance after adjustments and will result in reserves remaining at least near the upper limit of the policy range.

The 'AA+' rating reflects our assessment of the city's:

- Access to the broad and diverse Minneapolis-St. Paul MSA, which supports ongoing new residential development and steadily rising valuations. Given Hastings' location near the MSA and ability to annex adjacent land for additional development, we expect growth will continue;
- Consecutive operating surpluses supporting very strong reserves that we believe will remain above the ceiling of the formal reserve policy, even with some potentially being spent on one-time capital needs. Many of the expenditures in the budget are capital related and allow for greater flexibility;
- Very strong management, with conservative budgeting, strong financial policies and practices, and an institutional framework score we consider strong; and
- Manageable debt and contingent liability profile, which we do not expect will materially weaken. We do not expect material budgetary pressure to develop from the city's pension liabilities nor do we anticipate a material weakening to the debt profile due to plans to keep using bonds to address capital needs for streets and utilities, because of the rapid amortization.

Environmental, social, and governance

We view Hastings' physical environmental factors as elevated compared with the sector due to the city's location on the Mississippi River, which exposes it to elevated flood risk. However, flood walls and a large park adjacent to the river, plus the city's strong reserves, help mitigate potential risk in our credit analysis. We view Hastings' social and governance factors as neutral in our credit analysis.

Outlook

The stable outlook reflects our expectations that Hastings will maintain adequate operating results and keep reserves in line with its reserve policy over the two-year outlook horizon.

Downside scenario

If reserves fall and remain at a lower level either due to a budgetary imbalance developing or one-time spending, or should any of the city's financial and management practices weaken, we could take a negative rating action.

Upside scenario

We could consider a positive rating action if Hastings' income and market value per capita metrics improve to levels commensurate with those of higher-rated peers.

Hastings, Minnesota -- key credit metrics				
	Most recent	Historical information		
		2022	2021	2020
Strong economy				
Projected per capita EBI % of U.S.	108			
Market value per capita (\$)	117,855			
Population		24,589	24,188	23,971
County unemployment rate(%)		2.4		
Market value (\$000)	2,897,926		2,348,113	2,231,816

Hastings, Minnesota -- key credit metrics (cont.)

	Most recent	Historical information		
		2022	2021	2020
Ten largest taxpayers % of taxable value	5.9			
!!BLANK!! budgetary performance				
Operating fund result % of expenditures		4.5	5.8	11.4
Total governmental fund result % of expenditures		2.5	2.0	1.9
Very strong budgetary flexibility				
Available reserves % of operating expenditures		64.4	62.0	67.9
Total available reserves (\$000)		11,803	11,283	10,374
Very strong liquidity				
Total government cash % of governmental fund expenditures		131	111	102
Total government cash % of governmental fund debt service		950	831	701
Very strong management				
Financial Management Assessment	Strong			
Strong debt & long-term liabilities				
Debt service % of governmental fund expenditures		13.8	13.4	14.6
Net direct debt % of governmental fund revenue	121			
Overall net debt % of market value	2.5			
Direct debt 10-year amortization (%)	92			
Required pension contribution % of governmental fund expenditures		4.4		
OPEB actual contribution % of governmental fund expenditures		1.6		
Strong institutional framework				

EBI--Effective buying income. OPEB--Other postemployment benefits. Data points and ratios may reflect analytical adjustments.

Related Research

Through The ESG Lens 3.0: The Intersection Of ESG Credit Factors And U.S. Public Finance Credit Factors, March 2, 2022

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