



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution approving the issuance of Federally Taxable Public Facility Revenue Refunding Bonds (Ballpark Project), Series 2021C by The Sports Authority of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, authorizing the Metropolitan Government's execution and delivery of a Supplemental Trust Indenture relating thereto; authorizing the pledge of certain of the Metropolitan Government's revenues as security for the bonds; and authorizing an official statement to be distributed in connection with the sale of the bonds.

WHEREAS, The Sports Authority of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County (the "Authority") has been formed pursuant to Title 7, Chapter 67, Tennessee Code Annotated (the "Act"), by The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County (the "Metropolitan Government") for the purposes set forth in the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized by the Act and deems it necessary and desirable to issue its revenue bonds to (i) refund all or a portion of the Authority's outstanding Public Improvement Revenue Bonds (Ballpark Project), Series 2013A (the "Series 2013A Bonds") and Public Improvement Revenue Bonds (Ballpark Project), Series 2013B (Federally Taxable) (the "Series 2013B Bonds" and, together with the Series 2013A Bonds, the "Outstanding Bonds"), each dated December 19, 2013, the proceeds of which were used to finance the construction of a minor league baseball ballpark currently known as First Horizon Ballpark, and (ii) pay costs incident to the issuance and sale of the bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has heretofore entered into a Trust Indenture, dated as of December 19, 2013 (the "Indenture"), by and among the Authority, the Metropolitan Government and Regions Bank (the "Trustee"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Authority (the "Board") has determined it is in the best interest of the Authority to issue its Federally Taxable Public Facility Revenue Refunding Bonds (Ballpark Project), Series 2021C (the "Refunding Bonds") in order to refund all or a portion of the Outstanding Bonds because such refunding will result in debt service savings; and

WHEREAS, the Refunding Bonds are to be secured by and contain such terms and provisions as are set forth in the Indenture, as supplemented by a First Supplemental Trust Indenture in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "First Supplemental Indenture"), under which, among other things, the Metropolitan Government will pledge certain of its revenues to the payment of the Refunding Bonds;

WHEREAS, in order to market the Refunding Bonds, the Authority will prepare and distribute a Preliminary Official Statement and Official Statement regarding the Refunding Bonds, the Authority and the Metropolitan Government; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted on April 15, 2021, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, the Authority has requested that the Metropolitan Government approve the issuance and terms of the Refunding Bonds as required by Section 7-67-109(15) of the Act, and the Metropolitan County Council (the "Council") wishes to approve the issuance of the Refunding Bonds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE METROPOLITAN COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY, that:

1. The Council hereby approves the Authority's issuance and sale of the Refunding Bonds for the purpose

of refunding all or any portion of the Outstanding Bonds. The Authority shall, in consultation with Hilltop Securities, Inc. (the "Financial Advisor") and the Metropolitan Government's Director of Finance, select the Outstanding Bonds to be refunded (such selected bonds, the "Refunded Bonds"). The Refunding Bonds shall be issued on the terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture and the First Supplemental Indenture, with the terms of pricing inserted in the First Supplemental Indenture following the sale of the Refunding Bonds. The Refunding Bonds shall be sold by the Authority by negotiated sale, and the Council hereby approves the sale of the Refunding Bonds, provided that:

- a. the Refunding Bonds shall be sold at taxable, fixed rates of interest;
- b. the aggregate principal amount of the Refunding Bonds shall not exceed the amount necessary to refund the Refunded Bonds and pay related issuance costs;
- c. the Refunded Bonds shall not be issued in a manner that would constitute "balloon indebtedness" as defined by Tennessee Code Annotated Section 9-21-133;
- d. the minimum present-value savings (calculated as a percentage of the principal amount of the Refunded Bonds) shall not be less than 3.5%; and
- e. prior to the sale of the Refunding Bonds, the Authority shall obtain the approval of the Metropolitan Government's Director of Finance to the pricing terms of the Refunding Bonds and the debt service savings achieved by the issuance of the Refunding Bonds.

2. The Council hereby pledges all of the Metropolitan Government's right, title and interest, if any, in and to (i) the Sales Tax Rebate Revenues, Team Lease Payments and the TIF Payments (as such terms are defined in the Indenture) and (ii) to the extent Sales Tax Rebate Revenues, Team Lease Payments and the TIF Payments are insufficient, Non Tax Revenues (as defined in the Indenture) to the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Refunding Bonds, if and when issued and subject to the limitations set forth in the First Supplemental Indenture. The Council hereby approves the form of First Supplemental Indenture attached hereto as Exhibit A, pursuant to which such pledge shall be effected, and authorizes the Metropolitan Mayor to execute, the Metropolitan Clerk to attest, and the Director of Finance and the Director of Law to approve, the First Supplemental Indenture in such form on the Metropolitan Government's behalf, together with such modifications as such officers shall deem to be necessary or advisable, including without limitation modifications to reflect the terms of pricing.

3. The Council hereby authorizes and directs the Director of Finance, working with the Authority and the Financial Advisor, to provide for the preparation and the distribution by the Authority of a Preliminary Official Statement regarding the Refunding Bonds. After the Refunding Bonds have been sold, the Director of Finance, together with the Authority, shall make such completions, omissions, insertions and changes in the Preliminary Official Statement not inconsistent with this resolution as are necessary or desirable to complete it as a final Official Statement for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Council approves the distribution of the Official Statement in connection with the sale of the Refunding Bonds and hereby authorizes and directs the Director of Finance to sign the Official Statement on behalf of the Metropolitan Government.

The Director of Finance is authorized, on behalf of the Metropolitan Government, to deem the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement in final form, each to be final as of its date within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12(b)(1), except for the omission in the Preliminary Official Statement of certain pricing and other information allowed to be omitted pursuant to such Rule 15c2-12(b)(1). The distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement and Official Statement in final form shall be conclusive evidence that each has been deemed in final form as of its date by the Metropolitan Government except for the omission in the Preliminary Official Statement of such pricing and other information.

4. The Metropolitan Mayor, the Director of Finance, the Director of Law and the Metropolitan Clerk of the Metropolitan Government are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do all such acts and things and

to execute all such documents as may be necessary or advisable to cause the Refunding Bonds to be issued as described herein and the Refunded Bonds to be refunded, and to carry out and comply with the provisions of the Indenture, as it relates to the Refunding Bonds.

5. All resolutions in conflict or inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed insofar as any conflict or inconsistency exists.

6. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government requiring it.

Analysis

This resolution authorizes the issuance, sale, and payment of taxable public facility revenue refunding bonds to refinance a portion of the Series 2013A and 2013B bonds issued in 2013 for the construction of First Horizon Ballpark. The purpose of the refunding bonds is to achieve debt savings due to the historically low interest rates. The amount of the bonds to be refunded is approximately \$62,000,000, which is estimated to result in a 6.97% present value debt savings of \$3,769,000. This debt savings exceeds the 3.5% savings requirement provided in Metro's debt management policy for debt refinancing. The refunded bonds will be fixed interest bonds and will not extend the overall life of the debt, which will have a final maturity date of 2043.

Like the bonds being refunded, these bonds will be backed by the USD non-tax revenues of the Metropolitan Government to the extent the other sources of pledged revenue are insufficient to make the bond payments (sales tax rebate revenues, team lease payments, and TIF payments). The bonds will be sold at a negotiated sale with FHN Financial Capital Markets, Fifth Third Bank, and Drexel Hamilton serving as underwriters.

This resolution also approves a supplemental trust indenture for the bonds and authorizes the distribution of a preliminary official statement used to market the bonds.

Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-67-109 requires Council approval of all debt issued by the Metro Sports Authority.