

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board

AGENDA DATE: Introduction and Public Hearing- May 7, 2024

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

SUBJECT: APPROVE the following Ordinance

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$75,200,000 to refund certain previously issued obligations of the City; and resolving matters which are necessary to effect such issuance, including the delegation of matters relating to the sale and issuance of the bonds to an authorized City officer or employee within certain specified parameters. (All Districts) [Arturo Duran (915) 594-5549][Public Hearing Date: May 7, 2024]

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

EPWater is requesting the City Council of the City of El Paso to authorize the issuance of up to \$75,200,000 of "City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds" to pay off up to \$60,000,000 of Extendable Commercial Paper Notes and refund \$13,490,000 of Municipal Drainage Utility Revenue Bonds Series 2015, and related transaction costs.

EPWater finds that it is in the best interest of the ratepayers to pursue this financing.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

Yes, on April 25, 2023, City Council approved \$25,330,000 of City of El Paso, Texas Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2023.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

This item will be funded through the sale of City of El Paso, Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

The El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board approved two Resolutions on April 10, 2024, requesting that the City Council authorize the issuance of up to \$75,200,000 of "City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds."

AFTER EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS, PLEASE CONTACT ART DURAN TO PICK UP THE DOCUMENTS AT (915) 594-5549. THANK YOU.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS,
MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS

Adopted: May ___, 2024

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS, MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,200,000 TO REFUND CERTAIN PREVIOUSLY ISSUED OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY; AND RESOLVING MATTERS WHICH ARE NECESSARY TO EFFECT SUCH ISSUANCE, INCLUDING THE DELEGATION OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS TO AN AUTHORIZED CITY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE WITHIN CERTAIN SPECIFIED PARAMETERS

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas, specifically Chapter 552 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended, formerly known as Subchapter C of Chapter 402 of the Texas Local Government Code (the “Act”), the City of El Paso, Texas (the “City”) held public hearings on the creation of a municipal drainage utility system and adopted Ordinance No. 016668 on June 19, 2007, establishing and declaring the creation of the City’s Municipal Drainage Utility System (the “System”) within the municipal boundaries and unincorporated extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas, specifically Texas Government Code, Chapter 1502, as amended, the City has previously issued municipal drainage utility system revenue bonds (the “Previously Issued Bonds”) payable from and secured by a first and superior lien on and pledge of the net revenues of the System; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Ordinance Establishing a City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Extendable Commercial Paper Program, adopted on May 9, 2023, the City has authorized to be outstanding its Municipal Drainage Utility System Extendable Commercial Paper Notes, Series A (Tax-Exempt), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$60,000,000 outstanding at any one time (collectively, the “ECP Notes”), secured by revenues of the System; and

WHEREAS, there has been filed with the City Council one or more resolutions adopted and approved by the Board (hereinafter defined) requesting the City Council to approve the issuance and sale of the City’s revenue bonds for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding obligations secured by revenues of the System; and

WHEREAS, the City has previously issued the following described bonds which are payable from the net revenues of the System (hereinafter referred to as the “Refundable Bonds”), to wit: City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2015, authorized by an ordinance duly adopted on March 3, 2015; the Refundable Bonds refunded in accordance with the terms hereof are referred to as the “Refunded Bonds”; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the City and the System to adopt this Ordinance to authorize the refunding of certain of its previously issued and outstanding ECP Notes (the “Refunded ECP Notes”) (the Refunded Bonds and the Refunded ECP Notes are hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Refunded Obligations”); and

WHEREAS, the City by this Ordinance and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Government Code, Chapter 1207, as amended (“Chapter 1207”) and Texas Government Code, Chapter 1371, as amended (“Chapter 1371”), is delegating to the Pricing Officer (hereinafter defined) the authority to establish the terms and details related to the issuance and sale of the bonds authorized by this Ordinance (the “Bonds”) including: (i) the principal amount of the Refunded Obligations to be refunded, (ii) the form and designation of one or more series of Bonds; (iii) the principal amount of each series of the Bonds and the amount of the Bonds of each series to mature in each year; (iv) the dates, price, interest rates, interest payment dates, principal payment dates, and redemption features of each series of the Bonds; and (v) any other details relating to the issuance, sale, delivery, and/or exchange of the Bonds, all within certain specified parameters set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds and determines that it is a public purpose and in the best interests of the City to refund the Refunded Bonds in order to achieve a present value debt service savings, with such savings, among other information and terms to be included in one or more pricing certificates (each, a “Pricing Certificate”) to be executed by the Pricing Officer, all in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1207 and Chapter 1371; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds and determines that the refunding of the Refunded ECP Notes for the purposes of making such debt long-term fixed rate debt of the City and restructuring the debt payable from the revenues of the System is in the best interest of the City, and the manner in which such refunding is being executed does not make it practicable to make the determinations otherwise required by Texas Government Code, Section 1207.008(a)(2), as amended; and

WHEREAS, in the ordinances authorizing the Previously Issued Bonds, the City reserved the right and option to issue, under certain conditions, “Additional Bonds” on a parity as to lien and right with such bonds; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held, following proper publication of notice thereof, before the City Council with respect to the adoption of this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has found and determined that the bonds herein authorized should be issued on a parity with its Previously Issued Bonds, for the purposes aforesaid, pursuant to this Ordinance and as permitted by the General Laws of the State of Texas, particularly Chapter 1207 and Chapter 1371; and

WHEREAS, the meeting at which this Ordinance is considered is open to the public as required by law, and the public notice of the time, place and purpose of such meeting was given as required by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS, THAT:

ARTICLE 1

DEFINITIONS, FINDINGS AND INTERPRETATION

Section 1.01 Definitions. Unless otherwise expressly provided or unless the context clearly requires otherwise, in this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings specified below:

“Act” means Chapter 552 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended.

“Additional Bonds” means the additional revenue bonds permitted to be issued on a parity with the Bonds and the Previously Issued Bonds by Section 10.03(a) of this Ordinance.

“Average Annual Debt Service” means an amount which, at the time of computation, is derived by dividing the total amount of Debt Service to be paid over a period of years as the same is scheduled to become due and payable by the number of years taken into account in determining the total Debt Service. Capitalized interest payments provided from bond proceeds shall be excluded in making the aforementioned computation.

“Board” or “Board of Trustees” means that certain board of trustees known as the “Public Service Board” heretofore established for the purpose of managing the System and other water utilities of the City, as represented by the various persons appointed from time to time, and any successors thereto.

“Bond” means any of the Bonds.

“Bond Counsel” means a firm of nationally recognized attorneys experienced in the issuance of bonds and acceptable to the City, initially Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP.

“Bonds” means the City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds authorized by Section 3.01 of this Ordinance, with any additional or different series or designation specified in an applicable Pricing Certificate.

“Bonds Similarly Secured” means collectively, the Previously Issued Bonds, the Bonds and Additional Bonds.

“Bullet Obligation” means all Bonds Similarly Secured of a series maturing in any single year in a principal amount that totals at least 15% of the initial aggregate principal amount of the entire series of such Bonds Similarly Secured.

“Business Day” means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday or other day on which banking institutions in the city where the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar is located in the State of Texas are generally authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close.

“Chapter 1207” means Texas Government Code, Chapter 1207, as amended.

“Chapter 1371” means Texas Government Code, Chapter 1371, as amended.

“City” means the City of El Paso, Texas, and with respect to those matters requiring action regarding the authority and control of management and operation of the System or the expenditure and application of the System’s revenues, “City” shall mean the Board acting on behalf of the City.

“City Council” means the governing body of the City of El Paso, Texas.

“Closing Date” means the date of the initial delivery of and payment for each series of Bonds.

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, including the regulations and published rulings thereunder.

“Debt Service” means as of any particular date of computation, with respect to any obligations and with respect to any period, the aggregate of the amounts to be paid or set aside by the City as of such date or in such period for the payment of the principal of premium if any, and interest (to the extent not capitalized) on such obligations; provided, however, that in making such calculation the following rules shall apply:

(1) For any series of Bonds Similarly Secured issued at a variable rate, that such obligations bear, or would have borne, interest at the highest rate of (i) the actual rate on the date of calculation, or if the indebtedness is not yet outstanding, the initial rate (if established and binding), (ii) if the indebtedness has been outstanding for at least twelve months, the average rate over the twelve months immediately preceding the date of calculation and (iii) (A) if interest on the indebtedness is excludable from gross income under the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, the most recently published Bond Buyer “Revenue Bond Index” (or comparable index if no longer published) plus 50 basis points, or (B) if interest is not so excludable, the interest rate on direct United States Treasury Obligations with comparable maturities plus 50 basis points; provided, however, that for purposes of any rate covenant measuring actual debt service during a test period, variable rate indebtedness shall be deemed to bear interest at the actual rate per annum applicable during the test period; and

(2) For any series of Bonds Similarly Secured issued as Short Term Obligations, Demand Obligations, or Bullet Obligations, Debt Service may be computed on the assumption that the principal amount shall be refinanced at maturity (or an earlier date on which principal thereof is payable on demand) by fixed rate Bonds Similarly Secured bearing interest at (a) if the interest on such obligations is excludable from gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes, a Revenue Bond Index published by the Bond Buyer or any successor publication or (b) if the interest on such obligations is not excludable from gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes, the yield on the Treasury Constant Maturity Series as reported in Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15, Selected Interest Rates of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, or any successor publication as certified by the City’s financial advisor, in both cases (a) and (b) within 30 days prior to the date of such calculation (or the gross fixed or capped rate payable by the City under an interest rate swap or

cap agreement that substantially hedges the rate of interest on such Bonds Similarly Secured) and maturing in substantially equal annual payments of principal and interest over a term of 25 years (or such longer period as a nationally recognized financial advisor or investment banker certifies is then reasonably attainable) or less; and

(3) For any series of Bonds Similarly Secured for which the City is entitled to receive payments from the federal or state government in such period on account of, and substantially contemporaneously with, interest paid on such Bonds Similarly Secured, the amount to be received in such period shall be deducted from such interest in computing Debt Service.

“Demand Obligations” means any Bonds Similarly Secured the principal of which is payable by the City on demand of the owner or holder thereof.

“Depository Bank” means any financial institution duly designated by the Board to serve as a depository for funds controlled by the Board.

“Designated Payment/Transfer Office” means (i) with respect to the initial Paying Agent/Registrar named herein, its designated office specified in the Pricing Certificate, or at such other location designated by the Paying Agent/Registrar and (ii) with respect to any successor Paying Agent/Registrar, the office of such successor designated and located as may be agreed upon by the City and such successor.

“DTC” means The Depository Trust Company of New York, New York, or any successor securities depository.

“DTC Participant” means brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations on whose behalf DTC was created to hold securities to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions among DTC Participants.

“ECP Notes” means the extendable commercial paper notes authorized to be issued in accordance with the terms of the ordinance establishing the City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Extendable Commercial Paper Program, adopted by the City Council of the City on May 9, 2023.

“EPWU” means the El Paso Water Utilities, a component unit of the City of El Paso and any successors thereto.

“Escrow Agent” means the Escrow Agent, if any, appointed and approved in the Pricing Certificate.

“Escrow Agreement” means the Escrow Agreement, if any, by and between the City and the Escrow Agent appointed and approved in the Pricing Certificate.

“Financial Advisor” means a registered “municipal advisor” under Section 15B of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, selected by the City to provide advice to the City

in the area of municipal financial products or the issuance of municipal securities, initially Hilltop Securities Inc.

“Financial Obligation” means a (a) debt obligation; (b) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (c) guarantee of a debt obligation or any such derivative instrument; provided that “financial obligation” shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement (as defined in the Rule) has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

“Fiscal Year” means the twelve month financial accounting period used by the Board in connection with the operation of the System which may be any twelve consecutive month period established by the Board.

“Government Obligations” means, unless otherwise provided in the Pricing Certificate, (i) direct noncallable obligations of the United States of America, including obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America, (ii) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States, including obligations unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and, on the date of their acquisition or purchase by the City, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent, (iii) noncallable obligations of a state or an agency or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of a state that have been refunded and that, on the date of their acquisition or purchase by the City, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent and (iv) any other then authorized securities or obligations that may be used to defease obligations such as the Bonds under the then applicable laws of the State of Texas.

“Improvement Fund” means the fund by such name described in Section 8.01(a)(iv) hereof.

“Initial Bond” means the Initial Bond authorized by Section 3.03 of this Ordinance.

“Initial Date” means the date designated as the Initial Date in the Pricing Certificate.

“Interest and Sinking Fund” means the fund by that name described in Section 8.01(a) hereof.

“Interest Payment Date” means the date or dates on which interest on the principal of the Bonds is scheduled to be paid until their respective dates of maturity or prior redemption, such dates being March 1 and September 1, commencing on the date specified in the Pricing Certificate.

“Issue Price” has the meaning stated in section 1.148-1(b) of the Regulations.

“MSRB” means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

“Net Revenues” shall mean Revenues of the System, with respect to any period, after deducting the System’s Operating and Maintenance Expenses during such period.

“Note Payment Fund” means the fund so designated in Section 8.01(b) hereof.

“Operating and Maintenance Expenses” shall mean all current expenses of operating and maintaining the System not paid from the proceeds of any Debt, including all salaries, labor, materials and administrative costs, allocable under generally accepted accounting principles, to the System. Depreciation charges and other costs and disbursements which may be capitalized under generally accepted accounting principles shall not be considered Operating and Maintenance Expenses.

“Outstanding” means when used in this Ordinance with respect to Bonds or Bonds Similarly Secured, as the case may be, means, as of the date of determination, all Bonds and Bonds Similarly Secured theretofore sold, issued and delivered by the City, except:

- (1) Bonds or Bonds Similarly Secured canceled or delivered to the transfer agent or registrar for cancellation in connection with the exchange or transfer of such obligations;
- (2) Bonds or Bonds Similarly Secured paid or deemed to be paid in accordance with applicable law; and
- (3) Bonds or Bonds Similarly Secured that have been mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen and replacement bonds have been registered and delivered in lieu thereof.

“Owner” means the person who is the registered owner of a Bond or Bonds.

“Paying Agent/Registrar” means Computershare Trust Company, N.A. (or such other entity or banking association determined by the Pricing Officer in the Pricing Certificate) or any successor thereto or replacement therefor as provided in this Ordinance.

“Previously Issued Bonds” means the outstanding bonds of the following issues: (1) City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2009A, (2) City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2015, (3) City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2016, (4) City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Series 2017, (5) City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2021, (6) City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A, (7) City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2022, (8) City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2022A, (9) City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2023, and (10) City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2024.

“Pricing Certificate” means collectively one or more pricing certificates that set forth the terms of one or more series of Bonds in accordance with Section 3.02 of this Ordinance and executed by the Pricing Officer, all in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1207 and Chapter 1371.

“Pricing Officer” means the President/Chief Executive Officer of the EPWU, or in the absence thereof, any Vice President of the EPWU or the Chief Financial Officer of the EPWU, each acting in such capacity severally and not jointly.

“Purchaser” means the initial purchaser of each series of Bonds issued hereunder as named in the applicable Pricing Certificate.

“Record Date” means with respect to each interest payment date the fifteenth day of the month next preceding such interest payment date.

“Refundable Bonds” shall have the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Ordinance.

“Refunded Bonds” means those Refundable Bonds actually refunded in accordance with the terms hereof, as further described in a Pricing Certificate.

“Refunded ECP Notes” means the extendable commercial paper notes actually refunded in accordance with the terms hereof, as further described in a Pricing Certificate.

“Refunded Obligations” means the Refunded Bonds and the Refunded ECP Notes identified in the preamble of this Ordinance and further described in the Pricing Certificate.

“Register” means the Register specified in Section 3.07 of this Ordinance.

“Reserve Fund” means the fund by that name described in Section 8.01(a)(iii) hereof.

“Reserve Fund Requirement” means the amount which is equal to the lesser of (i) the Average Annual Debt Service (calculated on a Fiscal Year basis) for all Bonds Similarly Secured then Outstanding, as determined on the date each series of Additional Bonds are delivered or incurred, as the case may be, or (ii) the maximum amount in a reasonably required reserve fund that can be invested without restriction as to yield pursuant to Subsection (d) of Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and regulations promulgated thereunder.

“Revenue Fund” means the Drainage Utility System Revenue Fund established in Section 8.01(a)(i) hereof.

“Revenues” shall mean all income, receipts and revenues of every nature derived or received from the operation and ownership (excluding restricted gifts, grants in aid of construction and any amounts received from drainage charges specifically provided by ordinance for contribution to the funding of future drainage system construction) of the System, including earnings and income derived from the investment or deposit of moneys in any special funds or accounts created and established for the payment and security of the Bonds Similarly Secured and other obligations payable solely from and secured only by a lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues of the System, and excluding those amounts subject to payment to the United States of America as rebate pursuant to section 148 of the Code and any federal subsidies received pursuant to section 6431 of the Code.

“Rule” means SEC Rule 15c2-12, as amended from time to time or officially interpreted by the SEC.

“SEC” means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

“Short Term Obligations” means each series of bonds, notes and other debt obligations issued pursuant to a commercial paper or other similar financing program, the payment of principal of which is scheduled to be payable within one year from the date of issuance and is contemplated at the time of issuance to be refinanced through the issuance of Additional Bonds.

“Subordinate Lien Obligations” means each series of bonds, notes and other debt obligations payable from and secured by a lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues of the System, junior and subordinate in rank and dignity to the lien and pledge securing the payment of the Bonds Similarly Secured.

“System” or “Municipal Drainage Utility System” shall mean all land, easements and interest in land, together with all structures, equipment and facilities used in draining benefitted property (within the meaning of the Act), including, but not limited to, catch basins, channels, conduits, creeks, culverts, detention ponds, ditches, draws, flumes, pipes, pumps, sloughs, treatment works, and appurtenances to those items, whether natural or artificial, or using force or gravity, that are used to draw off surface water from land, carry the water away, collect, store, or treat the water, or divert the water into natural or artificial watercourses (but excluding City parks, roads, streets and bridges in existence on June 19, 2007) and excluding the property or entities exempted from the Act pursuant to Section 552.053 of the Act.

Section 1.02 Findings. The declarations, determinations and findings declared, made and found in the preamble to this Ordinance are hereby adopted, restated and made a part of the operative provisions hereof.

Section 1.03 Table of Contents, Titles and Headings. The table of contents, titles and headings of the Articles and Sections of this Ordinance have been inserted for convenience of reference only and are not to be considered a part hereof and shall not in any way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof and shall never be considered or given any effect in construing this Ordinance or any provision hereof or in ascertaining intent, if any question of intent should arise.

Section 1.04 Interpretation.

Unless the context requires otherwise, words of the masculine gender shall be construed to include correlative words of the feminine and neuter genders and vice versa, and words of the singular number shall be construed to include correlative words of the plural number and vice versa.

This Ordinance and all the terms and provisions hereof shall be liberally construed to effectuate the purposes set forth herein to sustain the validity of this Ordinance.

ARTICLE 2

SECURITY FOR THE BONDS

Section 2.01 Security for the Bonds. The Bonds Similarly Secured, both principal and interest, are and shall be equally and ratably secured by and payable from an irrevocable first lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues.

Section 2.02 Limited Obligations. The Bonds Similarly Secured are special obligations of the City, payable solely from the Net Revenues, and do not constitute a prohibited indebtedness of the City. The Bonds Similarly Secured shall never be payable out of funds raised or to be raised by taxation.

Section 2.03 Security Interest. The City represents that, under Chapter 1208.002, Texas Government Code, a security interest in property, other than real property, that is created by the City is valid and effective according to the terms of the security agreement and is perfected from the time the security agreement is entered into or adopted continuously through the termination of the security interest, without physical delivery or transfer of control of the property, filing of a document, or another act. The City covenants that, if Chapter 1208.002 is amended at any time while the Bonds Similarly Secured are Outstanding, the City shall take all actions required in order to preserve for the Owners of the Previously Issued Bonds, the Bonds or Additional Bonds a perfected security interest in the property in which such security interest is granted pursuant to Section 2.01 hereof.

ARTICLE 3

AUTHORIZATION; GENERAL TERMS AND PROVISIONS REGARDING THE BONDS

Section 3.01 Authorization. Revenue bonds of the City are hereby authorized to be issued, in one or more series, in the maximum aggregate principal amount set forth in Section 3.02 hereof. Unless otherwise specified in a Pricing Certificate, such revenue bonds shall be designated and bear the title the "City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds." The Bonds shall be designated by the year in which they are issued, and each series within a year may have a letter designation following the year as determined by the Pricing Officer. The title of the Bonds may also be revised by the Pricing Officer as reflected in the applicable Pricing Certificate. The Bonds shall be issued for the purposes of (i) refunding the Refunded ECP Notes, and/or (ii) refunding all or a portion of the Refunded Bonds, and (iii) paying the costs of issuing the Bonds, all as provided in each Pricing Certificate and in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, particularly Chapter 1207, Chapter 1371, and the Charter of the City.

Section 3.02 Delegation of Authority to Pricing Officer.

(a) As authorized by Chapter 1207 and Chapter 1371, the Pricing Officer is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the City in selling and delivering the Bonds, in one or more series, and carrying out the other procedures specified in this Ordinance, including selection of the

specific maturities or series (whole or part) of the Refunded Obligations to be refunded, determining the aggregate original principal amount of each series of Bonds, the Initial Date of each series of Bonds, any additional or different designation or title by which the Bonds shall be known, the manner of sale (negotiated, privately placed or competitively bid), the price at which the Bonds of each series will be sold, the years in which the Bonds of each series will mature, the terms of any bond insurance applicable to a series of Bonds, the principal amount to mature in each of such years, the rate of interest to be borne by each such maturity, the interest payment dates, the price and terms upon and at which the Bonds of each series shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the City, as well as any mandatory sinking fund redemption provisions, the designation of a paying agent/registrar, the designation of an escrow agent, if necessary, and all other matters relating to the issuance, sale, and delivery of the Bonds all of which shall be specified in the Pricing Certificate; provided that:

(i) the aggregate original principal amount of Bonds issued to refund the Refunded ECP Notes shall not exceed \$61,200,000;

(ii) the aggregate original principal amount of Bonds issued to refund the Refunded Bonds shall not exceed \$14,000,000;

(iii) the aggregate true interest cost percentage for the Bonds issued to refund the Refunded ECP Notes shall not exceed 5.50%;

(iv) the aggregate true interest cost percentage for the Bonds issued to refund the Refunded Bonds shall not exceed 4.30%;

(v) the refunding of the Refunded Bonds must produce present value debt service savings of at least three percent (3.00%), net of any issuer contribution;

(vi) the maximum maturity date for the Bonds issued to refund the Refunded ECP Notes shall not exceed December 31, 2050; and

(vii) the maximum maturity date for the Bonds issued to refund the Refunded Bonds shall not exceed December 31, 2035.

(b) In establishing the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds, the Pricing Officer shall establish an amount not exceeding the amounts authorized in Subsections (a)(i) and (a)(ii) above, which shall be sufficient in amounts to provide for the purposes for which the Bonds are authorized and to pay costs of issuing the Bonds. Unless otherwise extended by an act of City Council, the delegation made hereby shall expire if not exercised by the Pricing Officer within 365 days from the date hereof. The Pricing Officer may exercise such delegation on more than one occasion during such time period.

(c) The execution of the Pricing Certificate shall evidence the sale date of the applicable series of Bonds by the City to the Purchaser.

(d) If the Pricing Officer determines that insurance results in a net reduction of the City's interest costs associated with the Bonds, then the Pricing Officer is authorized, in connection with effecting the sale of the Bonds, to obtain from a municipal bond insurance company (the "Insurer") a municipal bond insurance policy in support of the Bonds. To that end, should the Pricing Officer exercise such authority and commit the City to obtain a municipal bond insurance policy, for so long as such policy is in effect, the requirements of the Insurer relating to the issuance

of such policies are incorporated by reference into this Ordinance and made a part hereof for all purposes, notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance to the contrary. Each of the City Manager or Interim City Manager of the City, the President/Chief Executive Officer of the EPWU and the Pricing Officer shall have the authority to execute any documents to effect the issuance of such policy by the Insurer.

Section 3.03 Date, Denomination, Maturities, Numbers and Interest.

(a) The Bonds shall have the Initial Date specified in the Pricing Certificate. The Bonds shall be in fully registered form, without coupons, and shall be numbered consecutively from one upward, except the Initial Bond, which shall be numbered as specified in Section 6.02.

(b) The Bonds shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, shall mature on March 1 or September 1 in the years and in the principal amounts and shall bear interest at the per annum rates as specified in the Pricing Certificate.

(c) Interest shall accrue and be paid on each Bond respectively until its maturity or earlier redemption from the date specified in the Pricing Certificate or the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or provided for at the per annum rates specified in the schedule contained in the Pricing Certificate. Such interest shall be payable semiannually on March 1 and September 1 of each year, commencing on the date specified in the Pricing Certificate, computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Section 3.04 Medium, Method and Place of Payment.

(a) The principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be paid in lawful money of the United States of America, as provided in this Section.

(b) Interest on the Bonds shall be paid to the Owners thereof as shown in the Register at the close of business on the Record Date by check (dated as of the Interest Payment Date) and sent by the Paying Agent/Registrar to the person entitled to such payment by United States mail, first-class, postage prepaid, to the address of such person as it appears in the Register, or by such other customary banking arrangements acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar and the person to whom interest is paid; provided, however, that such person shall bear all risk and expense of such other customary banking arrangements.

(c) The principal of each Bond shall be paid to the Owner of such Bond on the due date thereof (whether at the maturity date or the date of prior redemption thereof) upon presentation and surrender of such Bond at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar.

(d) If the date for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds is not a Business Day, the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding Business Day, and payment on such date shall for all purposes be deemed to have been made on the due date thereof as specified in this Section.

(e) In the event of a nonpayment of interest on a Bond on a scheduled payment date, and for thirty (30) days thereafter, a new record date for such interest payment (a "Special Record

Date”) will be established by the Paying Agent/Registrar, if and when funds for the payment of such interest have been received from the City. Notice of the Special Record Date and of the scheduled payment date of the past due interest (which shall be fifteen (15) days after the Special Record Date) shall be sent at least five business days prior to the Special Record Date by United States mail, first-class, postage prepaid, to the address of each Owner of a Bond appearing on the books of the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the last business day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice.

(f) Unclaimed payments shall be segregated in a special escrow account and held in trust, uninvested by the Paying Agent/Registrar, for the account of the Owner of the Bonds to which the unclaimed payments pertain. Subject to Title 6 of the Texas Property Code, payments remaining unclaimed by the Owners entitled thereto for three years after the applicable payment or redemption date shall be applied to the next payment or payments on the Bonds thereafter coming due and, to the extent any such money remains after the retirement of all outstanding Bonds, shall be paid to the City to be used for any lawful purpose. Thereafter, neither the City, the Paying Agent/Registrar nor any other person shall be liable or responsible to any Owners of such Bonds for any further payment of such unclaimed moneys or on account of any such Bonds, subject to Title 6 of the Texas Property Code.

Section 3.05 Execution and Initial Registration. The Bonds shall be executed on behalf of the City by the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem and the City Clerk or Alternate City Clerk as of the date of adoption of this Ordinance, by their manual or facsimile signatures, and the official seal of the City shall be impressed or placed in facsimile thereon. Such facsimile signatures on the Bonds shall have the same effect as if each of the Bonds had been signed manually and in person by each of such officers, and such facsimile seal on the Bonds shall have the same effect as if the official seal of the City had been manually impressed upon each of the Bonds.

(a) In the event any officer of the City whose manual or facsimile signature appears on the Bonds ceases to be such officer before the authentication of such Bonds or before the delivery thereof, such facsimile signature nevertheless shall be valid and sufficient for all purposes as if such officer had remained in such office.

(b) Except as provided below, no Bond shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any security or benefit of this Ordinance unless and until there appears thereon the Certificate of Paying Agent/Registrar substantially in the form provided herein, duly authenticated by manual execution by an officer or duly authorized signatory of the Paying Agent/Registrar. It shall not be required that the same officer or authorized signatory of the Paying Agent/Registrar sign the Certificate of Paying Agent/Registrar on all of the Bonds. In lieu of the executed Certificate of Paying Agent/Registrar described above, the Initial Bond delivered on the Closing Date shall have attached thereto the Comptroller’s Registration Certificate substantially in the form provided herein, manually executed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, or by his duly authorized agent, which certificate shall be evidence that the Initial Bond of each series has been duly approved by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and that they are valid and binding special obligations of the City, and have been registered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas.

(c) On the Closing Date, one Initial Bond for each series of Bonds, payable in stated installments to the Purchaser or its designee, executed by manual or facsimile signature of the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem and City Clerk or Alternate City Clerk, approved by the Attorney General, and registered and manually signed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts will be delivered to the Purchaser or its designee. Upon payment for each Initial Bond, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall cancel such Initial Bond and deliver registered definitive Bonds to DTC in accordance with Sections 3.09 and 3.11.

Section 3.06 Ownership.

(a) The City, the Paying Agent/Registrar and any other person may treat the person in whose name any Bond is registered as the absolute owner of such Bond for the purpose of making and receiving payment of the principal, for the further purpose of making and receiving payment of the interest thereon (subject to the terms of this Ordinance requiring the Paying Agent/Registrar to make payments of interest to the person who is the registered owner on the Record Date or the Special Record Date), and for all other purposes, whether or not such Bond is overdue, and neither the City nor the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be bound by any notice or knowledge to the contrary.

(b) All payments made to the person deemed to be the Owner of any Bond in accordance with this Section shall be valid and effectual and shall discharge the liability of the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar upon such Bond to the extent of the sums paid.

Section 3.07 Registration, Transfer and Exchange.

(a) So long as any Bonds remain outstanding, the City shall cause the Paying Agent/Registrar to keep at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office a register (the "Register") in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall provide for the registration and transfer of Bonds in accordance with this Ordinance.

(b) Registration of any Bond may be transferred in the Register only upon the presentation and surrender thereof at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar for transfer of registration and cancellation, together with proper written instruments of assignment, in form and with guarantee of signatures satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar, evidencing assignment of the Bonds, or any portion thereof in any integral multiple of \$5,000, to the assignee or assignees thereof, and the right of such assignee or assignees thereof to have the Bond or any portion thereof registered in the name of such assignee or assignees. No transfer of any Bond shall be effective until entered in the Register. Upon assignment and transfer of any Bond or portion thereof, a new Bond or Bonds will be issued by the Paying Agent/Registrar in exchange for such transferred and assigned Bond. To the extent possible the Paying Agent/Registrar will issue such new Bond or Bonds in not more than three business days after receipt of the Bond to be transferred in proper form and with proper instructions directing such transfer.

(c) Any Bond may be exchanged only upon the presentation and surrender thereof at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, together with a written request therefor duly executed by the registered owner or assignee or assignees thereof, or its or their duly authorized attorneys or representatives, with guarantees of signatures satisfactory to the

Paying Agent/Registrar, for a Bond or Bonds of like series, of the same maturity and interest rate and in any authorized denomination and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unpaid principal amount of the Bond presented for exchange. If a portion of any Bond is redeemed prior to its scheduled maturity as provided herein, a substitute Bond or Bonds of like series, having the same maturity date, bearing interest at the same rate, in the denomination or denominations of any integral multiple of \$5,000 at the request of the registered owner, and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion thereof, will be issued to the registered owner upon surrender thereof for cancellation. To the extent possible, a new Bond or Bonds will be required to be delivered by the Paying Agent/Registrar to the registered owner of the Bond or Bonds in not more than three business days after receipt of the Bond to be exchanged in proper form and with proper instructions directing such exchange.

(d) Each Bond issued in exchange for any Bond or portion thereof assigned or transferred shall be of like series, of the same tenor and shall have the same maturity date and bear interest at the same rate and in the same manner as the Bond for which it is being exchanged. Each substitute Bond shall bear a letter and/or number to distinguish it from each other Bond. The Paying Agent/Registrar shall exchange the Bonds as provided herein, and each substitute Bond delivered in accordance with this Section shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the City and shall be entitled to the benefits and security of this Ordinance to the same extent as the Bond or Bonds in lieu of which such substitute Bond is delivered.

(e) The City will pay the Paying Agent/Registrar's reasonable and customary charge for the initial registration of the Bonds and the subsequent exchange of the Bonds pursuant to the provisions hereof. However, the Paying Agent/Registrar will require the Owner to pay a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that is authorized to be imposed in connection with the registration, transfer or exchange of a Bond. In addition, the City hereby covenants with the Owners of the Bonds that it will (i) pay the reasonable and standard or customary fees and charges of the Paying Agent/Registrar for its services with respect to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, when due, and (ii) pay the fees and charges of the Paying Agent/Registrar for services with respect to the transfer, registration and exchange of Bonds as provided herein to the extent such fees and charges are payable hereunder by the City.

(f) Neither the City nor the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be required to issue, transfer or exchange any Bond called for redemption, in whole or in part, when such redemption is scheduled to occur within 45 calendar days of the transfer or exchange date; provided, however, such limitation shall not be applicable to an exchange by the owner of the uncalled principal balance of a Bond.

Section 3.08 Cancellation and Authentication.

(a) All Bonds paid or redeemed before scheduled maturity in accordance with this Ordinance, and all Bonds in lieu of which exchange Bonds or replacement Bonds are authenticated and delivered in accordance with this Ordinance, shall be canceled upon the making of proper records regarding such payment, redemption, exchange or replacement.

(b) Each substitute Bond issued in exchange for or replacement of (pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.10 hereof) any Bond or Bonds issued under this Ordinance shall have

printed thereon a Paying Agent/Registrar's Authentication Certificate, in the form hereinafter set forth. An authorized representative of the Paying Agent/Registrar shall, before the delivery of any such bond, manually sign and date such Certificate, and no such Bond shall be deemed to be issued or outstanding unless such Certificate is so executed. No additional ordinances, orders, or resolutions need be passed or adopted by the City Council or any other body or person so as to accomplish the foregoing exchange or replacement of any Bond or portion thereof, and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall provide for the printing, execution, and delivery of the substitute Bonds in the manner prescribed herein. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 1201, as amended, the duty of exchange or replacement of Bonds as aforesaid is hereby imposed upon the Paying Agent/Registrar, and, upon the execution of the above Paying Agent/Registrar's Authentication Certificate, the exchanged or replaced Bonds shall be valid, incontestable, and enforceable in the same manner and with the same effect as the Bonds which originally were delivered pursuant to this Ordinance, approved by the Attorney General, and registered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Section 3.09 Temporary Bonds.

(a) Pending the preparation of definitive Bonds, the City may execute and, upon the City's request, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall authenticate and deliver, one or more temporary Bonds that are printed, lithographed, typewritten, mimeographed or otherwise produced, in any denomination, substantially of the tenor of the definitive Bonds in lieu of which they are delivered, without coupons, and with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as the officers of the City executing such temporary Bonds may determine, as evidenced by their signing of such temporary Bonds.

(b) Until exchanged for Bonds in definitive form, such Bonds in temporary form shall be entitled to the benefit and security of this Ordinance. The City, without unreasonable delay, shall prepare, execute and deliver to the Paying Agent/Registrar, and thereupon, upon the presentation and surrender of the Bond or Bonds in temporary form to the Paying Agent/Registrar, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor a Bond or Bonds of the same maturity and series, in definitive form, in the authorized denomination, and in the same aggregate principal amount as the Bond or Bonds in temporary form surrendered. Such exchange shall be made without the making of any charge therefor to any Owner.

Section 3.10 Replacement Bonds.

(a) Upon the presentation and surrender to the Paying Agent/Registrar of a mutilated Bond, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor a replacement Bond of like series, of like tenor and principal amount, bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding. The City or the Paying Agent/Registrar may require the Owner of such Bond to pay a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that is authorized to be imposed in connection therewith and any other expenses connected therewith.

(b) In the event that any Bond is lost, apparently destroyed or wrongfully taken, the Paying Agent/Registrar, pursuant to the applicable laws of the State of Texas and in the absence of notice or knowledge that such Bond has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, shall

authenticate and deliver a replacement Bond of like tenor and principal amount, bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding, provided that the Owner first:

(i) furnishes to the Paying Agent/Registrar satisfactory evidence of his or her ownership of and the circumstances of the loss, destruction or theft of such Bond;

(ii) furnishes such security or indemnity as may be required by the Paying Agent/Registrar and the City, to save each of them harmless;

(iii) pays all expenses and charges in connection therewith, including, but not limited to, printing costs, legal fees, fees of the Paying Agent/Registrar and any tax or other governmental charge that is authorized to be imposed; and

(iv) satisfies any other reasonable requirements imposed by the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar.

(c) If, after the delivery of such replacement Bond, a bona fide purchaser of the original Bond in lieu of which such replacement Bond was issued presents for payment such original Bond, the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be entitled to recover such replacement Bond from the person to whom it was delivered or any person taking therefrom, except a bona fide purchaser, and shall be entitled to recover upon the security or indemnity provided therefor to the extent of any loss, damage, cost or expense incurred by the City or the Paying Agent/Registrar in connection therewith.

(d) In the event that any such mutilated, lost, apparently destroyed or wrongfully taken Bond has become or is about to become due and payable, the Paying Agent/Registrar, in its discretion, without the necessity of issuing a replacement Bond, may pay such Bond on the date on which such Bond becomes due and payable.

(e) Each replacement Bond delivered in accordance with this Section shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the City and shall be entitled to the benefits and security of this Ordinance to the same extent as the Bond or Bonds in lieu of which such replacement Bond is delivered.

Section 3.11 Book-Entry Only System.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, upon initial issuance of the Bonds, the ownership of the Bonds shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. The definitive Bonds shall be initially issued in the form of a single separate fully registered certificate for each of the maturities thereof.

(b) With respect to Bonds registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall have no responsibility or obligation to any DTC Participant or to any person on behalf of whom such a DTC Participant holds an interest in the Bonds. Without limiting the immediately preceding sentence, the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall have no responsibility or obligation with respect to (i) the accuracy of the records of DTC, Cede & Co. or any DTC Participant with respect to any ownership interest in the Bonds, (ii) the delivery to any DTC Participant or any other person, other than an Owner, as shown on the Register, of any notice with respect to the Bonds, including any notice of redemption, or

(iii) the payment to any DTC Participant or any other person, other than an Owner, as shown in the Register of any amount with respect to principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance to the contrary, the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be entitled to treat and consider the person in whose name each Bond is registered in the Register as the absolute owner of such Bond for the purpose of payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, the Bonds, for the purpose of all matters with respect to such Bond, for the purpose of registering transfer with respect to such Bond, and for all other purposes whatsoever. The Paying Agent/Registrar shall pay all principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds only to or upon the order of the respective owners, as shown in the Register as provided in this Ordinance, or their respective attorneys duly authorized in writing, and all such payments shall be valid and effective to fully satisfy and discharge the City's obligations with respect to payment of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds to the extent of the sum or sums so paid. No person other than an owner, as shown in the Register, shall receive a certificate evidencing the obligation of the City to make payments of amounts due pursuant to this Ordinance. Upon delivery by DTC to the Paying Agent/Registrar of written notice to the effect that DTC has determined to substitute a new nominee in place of Cede & Co., the word "Cede & Co." in this Ordinance shall refer to such new nominee of DTC.

Section 3.12 Successor Securities Depository; Transfer Outside Book-Entry Only System. In the event that the City or the Paying Agent/Registrar determines that DTC is incapable of discharging its responsibilities described herein and in the representation letter of the City to DTC, or in the event DTC discontinues the services described herein, the City or the Paying Agent/Registrar shall (i) appoint a successor securities depository, qualified to act as such under Section 17(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, notify DTC and DTC Participants of the appointment of such successor securities depository and transfer one or more separate Bonds to such successor securities depository or (ii) notify DTC and DTC Participants of the availability through DTC of Bonds and transfer one or more separate Bonds to DTC Participants having Bonds credited to their DTC accounts. In such event, the Bonds shall no longer be restricted to being registered in the Register in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, but may be registered in the name of the successor securities depository, or its nominee, or in whatever name or names Owners transferring or exchanging Bonds shall designate, in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 3.13 Payments to Cede & Co. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance to the contrary, so long as any Bonds are registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, all payments with respect to principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, and all notices with respect to such Bonds, shall be made and given, respectively, in the manner provided in the blanket representation letter of the City to DTC.

ARTICLE 4

REDEMPTION OF BONDS BEFORE MATURITY

Section 4.01 Limitation on Redemption. The Bonds of each series shall be subject to redemption before their scheduled maturity only as provided in the applicable Pricing Certificate.

ARTICLE 5

PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR

Section 5.01 Appointment of Initial Paying Agent/Registrar.

(a) Unless otherwise specified in the Pricing Certificate, Computershare Trust Company, N.A., a national banking association organized under the laws of the United States of America authorized to do business in the State of Texas, is hereby appointed as the initial Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds.

(b) The Pricing Officer is authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the Paying Agent/Registrar specifying the duties and responsibilities of the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A.**

Section 5.02 Qualifications of Paying Agent/Registrar. Each Paying Agent/Registrar shall be a commercial bank, a national banking association trust company organized under the laws of the State of Texas, or other entity duly qualified and legally authorized to serve as, and perform the duties and services of, paying agent and registrar for the Bonds.

Section 5.03 Maintaining Paying Agent/Registrar.

(a) At all times while any Bonds are outstanding, the City will maintain a Paying Agent/Registrar that is qualified under Section 5.02 of this Ordinance.

(b) If the Paying Agent/Registrar resigns or otherwise ceases to serve as such, the City will promptly appoint a replacement.

Section 5.04 Termination of Paying Agent/Registrar. The City reserves the right to terminate the appointment of any Paying Agent/Registrar by delivering to the entity whose appointment is to be terminated a certified copy of a resolution of the City (i) giving notice of the termination of the appointment, stating the effective date of such termination, and (ii) appointing a successor Paying Agent/Registrar.

Section 5.05 Notice of Change of Paying Agent/Registrar to Owners. Promptly upon each change in the entity serving as Paying Agent/Registrar, the City will cause notice of the change to be sent to each Owner by United States mail, first-class, postage prepaid, at the address in the Register, stating the effective date of the change and the name and mailing address of the replacement Paying Agent/Registrar.

Section 5.06 Agreement of Paying Agent/Registrar to Perform Duties and Functions. By accepting the appointment as Paying Agent/Registrar, the Paying Agent/Registrar is deemed to have agreed to the provisions of this Ordinance and that it will perform the duties and functions of Paying Agent/Registrar prescribed hereby.

Section 5.07 Delivery of Records to Successor. If a Paying Agent/Registrar is replaced, such Paying Agent/Registrar, promptly upon the appointment of the successor, will deliver the Register (or a copy thereof) and all other pertinent books and records relating to the Bonds to the successor Paying Agent/Registrar.

ARTICLE 6

FORM OF THE BONDS

Section 6.01 Form Generally.

(a) The Bonds of each series, including the Registration Certificate of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, the Certificate of the Paying Agent/Registrar, and the Assignment to appear on each of the Bonds, (i) shall be substantially in the form set forth in **Exhibit B** attached hereto with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions, and other variations as are permitted or required by this Ordinance, with the Bonds to be completed and modified with the information set forth in the Pricing Certificate, and (ii) may have such letters, numbers, or other marks of identification (including identifying numbers and letters of the Committee on Uniform Securities Identification Procedures of the American Bankers Association) and such legends and endorsements (including any applicable statement of insurance and any reproduction of an opinion of counsel) thereon as, consistently herewith, may be determined by the City or by the officers executing such Bonds, as evidenced by their execution thereof. Each Pricing Certificate shall set forth the final and controlling terms of the respective series of Bonds. Any portion of the text of any Bonds may be set forth on the reverse side thereof, with an appropriate reference thereto on the face of the Bonds.

(b) The definitive Bonds shall be typewritten, printed, lithographed, or engraved, and may be produced by any combination of these methods or produced in any other similar manner, all as determined by the officers executing such Bonds, as evidenced by their execution thereof. The Initial Bond submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Texas may be typewritten and photocopied or otherwise reproduced.

Section 6.02 Form of the Bonds. The form of each series of Bonds, including the form of the Registration Certificate of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas (which shall only appear on the Initial Bond), the form of Certificate of the Paying Agent/Registrar and the form of Assignment appearing on each series of Bonds shall be substantially in the form of attached **Exhibit B**.

Section 6.03 CUSIP Registration. The City may secure identification numbers through the CUSIP Service Bureau Division of Standard & Poor's Corporation, New York, New York, and may authorize the printing of such numbers on the face of the Bonds. It is expressly provided, however, that the presence or absence of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds shall be of no significance or effect as regards the legality thereof and neither the City nor the attorneys approving such Bonds as to legality are to be held responsible for CUSIP numbers incorrectly printed on the Bonds.

Section 6.04 Legal Opinion. The approving legal opinion of Bond Counsel may be attached to or printed on each Bond over the certification of the City Clerk or Alternate City Clerk of the City, which certification may be executed in facsimile.

Section 6.05 Statement of Insurance. A statement relating to a municipal bond insurance policy, if any, to be issued for the Bonds may be printed on or attached to each Bond.

ARTICLE 7

PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Section 7.01 Public Service Board.

(a) Pursuant to the authority contained in Texas Government Code, Section 1502.070, as amended, during such time as any of the Bonds herein authorized are outstanding and unpaid, the Board shall have complete authority and control of the management and operation of the System.

(b) The Board shall consist of seven members, one of whom shall be the Mayor of the City who shall ex officio be one member of the Board. Each term of office shall be four years with no member being appointed to more than two consecutive terms. To the extent not prohibited by State law or in conflict with the ordinances authorizing the Bonds Similarly Secured, each member shall continue to serve until his or her successor is appointed and qualified, or until 30 days have passed beyond the expiration of such term, whichever event occurs first. After that time a vacancy on the Board shall exist and the former member shall have no power to vote or participate in Board proceedings; but such vacancy shall not serve to reduce the number of members required for a quorum.

Each vacancy in Board membership whether occasioned by expiration of office or otherwise shall be filled by the City Council from three persons eligible to serve as Board members and presented to City Council. A selection committee selected by the City Council and comprised of the Board and such additional members as appointed by City Council shall agree upon and submit to City Council the names of such three eligible persons.

Any member of the Board, other than the Mayor, who shall be continuously absent from all meetings of the Board for a period of three consecutive months shall, unless he or she shall be granted leave of absence by the unanimous vote of the remaining members of the Board, be removed from office, but only for adequate cause. As City Council appointees, members of the Board are subject to the City's ethics ordinance, Chapter 2.92 of the City Code of the City, as amended, and must comply with the applicable provisions contained therein.

(c) The Board shall elect one of its own members as Chairman and one as Vice-Chairman and appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer or a Secretary-Treasurer, who may, but need not, be a member or members of the Board. The Board may make such regulations or any by-laws for the orderly handling of its affairs as it may in its discretion see fit and shall thereafter, subject to the pertinent laws of the State of Texas, operate and manage the System with the same freedom and in the same manner as are ordinarily enjoyed by the Board of Directors of a private corporation operating properties of a similar nature.

Subject to the provisions and restrictions contained in this Ordinance, all of which shall be binding on the Board, the Board shall have complete authority and control of the management and operations of the System and the expenditure and application of its revenues.

(d) The Board shall elect or appoint all officers and employees which it may consider desirable, including a President/Chief Executive Officer of the EPWU. The President/Chief Executive Officer shall be responsible to appoint officers and employees that directly report to the President/Chief Executive Officer, including, an attorney or attorneys, vice president(s) and such other personnel that directly report to the President/Chief Executive Officer. All other officers and employees, except members of the Board, the President/Chief Executive Officer, attorneys, vice president(s) and persons directly reporting to the President/Chief Executive Officer or vice president(s) shall serve under the City Civil Service provisions as are or may be established by the Charter of the City or the laws of Texas, and the Board shall have the same authority with respect to such officers and employees as that of the City Council with respect to other officers and other employees of the City. The Board shall obtain and keep continually in force an employers' fidelity and indemnity bond of the so-called blanket type, written by a solvent and recognized indemnity company, and covering losses to the amount not to exceed \$50,000.

(e) The members of the Board, other than the Mayor shall, for each meeting attended, receive the sum of \$20.00, except that the amount so paid to any member of the Board in any Fiscal Year shall not exceed \$5,000. The members of the Board shall not personally be liable for any act or omission not willfully fraudulent or committed in bad faith.

ARTICLE 8

FUNDS; FLOW OF FUNDS

Section 8.01 Special Funds.

(a) The City covenants and agrees that all revenues derived from the operation of the System shall be kept separate from other funds of the City. To that end, the following special funds heretofore established are hereby reaffirmed and shall be maintained at the Depository Bank so long as any of the Bonds Similarly Secured are Outstanding, to-wit:

(i) "City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Fund" (herein called the "Revenue Fund");

(ii) "City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Bonds Interest and Sinking Fund" (herein called the "Interest and Sinking Fund");

(iii) "City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Bonds Reserve Fund" (herein called the "Reserve Fund"); and

(iv) "City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Improvement Fund" (herein called the "Improvement Fund").

The Interest and Sinking Fund and the Reserve Fund shall be held in trust solely for the benefit of the Owners and the Owners of the Bonds Similarly Secured.

(b) The “City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System ECP Note Series A Interest and Sinking Fund” (the “Note Payment Fund”) heretofore created by prior City Ordinance is hereby reaffirmed and shall be maintained for the benefit of the holders of the Subordinate Lien Obligations.

Section 8.02 Revenue Fund. All Revenues shall be deposited from day to day as collected into the Revenue Fund. Moneys on deposit in the Revenue Fund shall first be used to pay all Operating and Maintenance Expenses. The Revenues of the System not actually required to pay Operating and Maintenance Expenses (the “Net Revenues”) shall be transferred from the Revenue Fund to the other Funds in this Ordinance, in the order of priority, in the manner, and in the amounts set forth below:

(a) Interest and Sinking Fund. In addition to the deposits required by ordinances authorizing the Previously Issued Bonds, there shall be deposited into the Interest and Sinking Fund the following:

(i) such amounts, in equal monthly installments, commencing on the first day of the month next following the Closing Date, and on the first day of each month thereafter, as will be sufficient to pay the interest scheduled to come due on the Bonds on the next interest payment date, less any amounts already on deposit therein for such purpose derived from the proceeds of the Bonds or from any other lawfully available source; and

(ii) such amounts, in equal monthly installments, commencing on the first day of the month next following the Closing Date, and on the first day of each month thereafter, as will be sufficient to pay the next maturing principal of the Bonds, including any scheduled mandatory redemption of Bonds.

The Interest and Sinking Fund shall be used to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds Similarly Secured as such principal matures and such interest becomes due.

(b) Reserve Fund. So long as the funds on deposit in the Reserve Fund created for the benefit of the Bonds Similarly Secured are equal to the Reserve Fund Requirement, no deposits need to be made to the credit of the Reserve Fund; but should the Reserve Fund at any time contain less than the Reserve Fund Requirement, then, subject and subordinate to making the required deposits to the credit of the Interest and Sinking Fund, the City shall transfer from the Net Revenues in the Revenue Fund and deposit to the credit of the Reserve Fund, on the first day of each month, such amounts in equal monthly installments to accumulate within sixty (60) months a sum equal to the Reserve Fund Requirement. The money on deposit in the Reserve Fund may be used to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds Similarly Secured at any time there are not sufficient funds on deposit in the Interest and Sinking Fund for such purpose.

In accordance with the procedures specified in the preceding paragraph, the City hereby directs that the deposits, if any, being made to the Reserve Fund be increased to accumulate in the Reserve Fund within sixty (60) months from the date of the Bonds an amount equal to the Reserve Fund Requirement.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the City retains the right, with respect to the Bonds and subsequent issues of Additional Bonds to fund the Reserve Fund Requirement in

whole or in part with a surety bond or insurance policy issued by an insurance company or other entity that is rated either for the long term unsecured debt of the issuer of such surety bond or for obligations insured, secured or guaranteed by such issuer have a rating in the highest letter category by two major municipal securities rating or evaluation services, and money deposited to the credit of the Reserve Fund may be used to make any payments required to satisfy the City's repayment obligation to the issuer of such surety bond or insurance policy in the same manner and with like effect as if such payments were being used to accumulate, maintain or restore the Reserve Fund Requirement in cash or with authorized investments.

(c) Note Payment Fund. In addition to the foregoing deposits, in order to provide for the payment of and security for any Subordinate Lien Obligations there shall be deposited to the Note Payment Fund amounts sufficient to pay when due the principal of and interest on the Subordinate Lien Obligations.

(d) Improvement Fund. All money remaining in the Revenue Fund at the end of each month after all payments required to be made therefrom in such month have been made and all deficiencies accumulated from prior months have been remedied shall continue to be paid to the Improvement Fund established in connection with the System, and shall be held in and paid out from such Fund for the following purposes:

(i) To pay the cost of any special or extraordinary repairs or replacements to or of the properties comprising the System, properly payable with such money under the laws of the State of Texas, necessitated by reason of some emergency; and

(ii) To the extent now or hereafter permitted by law, any lawful purpose.

Section 8.03 Investment of Funds.

(a) Money deposited to the credit of any Fund referenced in this Ordinance may, at the option of the City, be invested in obligations identified in, and in accordance with the provisions of the "Public Funds Investment Act" (Texas Government Code, Chapter 2256, as amended) relating to the investment of "bond proceeds"; provided that all such investments shall be made in such a manner that the money required to be expended from such Funds will be available at the proper time or times. Such investments (except State and Local Government Series investments held in book entry form, which shall at all times be valued at cost) shall be valued in terms of current market value within 45 days of the close of each Fiscal Year and, with respect to investments held for the account of the Reserve Fund, within 30 days of the date of passage of each ordinance authorizing the issuance of Additional Bonds. All interest and income derived from deposits and investments in the Interest and Sinking Fund immediately shall be credited to, and any losses debited to, the Interest and Sinking Fund. All interest and interest income derived from deposits in and investments of the Reserve Fund shall, subject to the limitations provided in Section 8.02(b) hereof, be credited to and deposited in the Revenue Fund. All such investments shall be sold promptly when necessary to prevent any default in connection with the Bonds.

All moneys on deposit in the funds for which this Ordinance makes provision (except any portion thereof as may be at any time properly invested) shall be secured in the manner and to the fullest extent required by the laws of Texas for the security of public funds.

Section 8.04 Contributions in Aid of Construction. Any moneys that may be received by the Board that shall represent contributions in aid of construction shall be deposited in a separate account at the Depository Bank. Such contributions shall not be considered as part of the Revenues of the System. Payments from such bank account shall be made only for the purposes for which the contributions were made, including any refunds that may become due to any contributor.

ARTICLE 9

DEPOSIT OF PROCEEDS; CONTROL AND DELIVERY OF BONDS

Section 9.01 Deposit of Proceeds.

(a) The proceeds of sale of each series of Bonds shall be disbursed by the Paying Agent/Registrar on the Closing Date pursuant to written instructions from the City's Financial Advisor.

(b) All amounts, if any, received on the Closing Date as accrued interest on the Bonds shall be deposited to the Interest and Sinking Fund.

(c) Bond proceeds, less the accrued interest, if any, referenced in the preceding paragraph, amounts to pay costs of issuance and amounts to pay municipal bond insurance premium, if any, shall be deposited as provided in the applicable Pricing Certificate.

Section 9.02 Control and Delivery of Bonds.

(a) The Mayor, or in his absence, the Mayor Pro-Tem, is hereby authorized to have control of the Initial Bond and all necessary records and proceedings pertaining thereto pending investigation, examination and approval of the Attorney General of the State of Texas, registration by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, and registration with, and initial exchange or transfer by, the Paying Agent/Registrar.

(b) After registration by the Comptroller of Public Accounts, delivery of the Bonds shall be made to the Purchaser under and subject to the general supervision of the City Manager or Interim City Manager of the City or the President/Chief Executive Officer of the EPWU against receipt by the City of all amounts due the City under the terms of the sale.

ARTICLE 10

PARTICULAR REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS

Section 10.01 Insurance. The City hereby agrees that it will carry at all times for the benefit of the Owners of the Bonds, such insurance on the System that is reasonably obtainable of the kinds and in the amounts which are usually carried by private companies operating similar properties. Such insurance may be provided by means of a self-insurance fund in which event deposits to such fund shall be a maintenance and operating expense of the System.

Section 10.02 Books and Records. The City hereby covenants and agrees that complete and proper books of records and account will be kept and that the Owners of any of the Bonds, or

any duly authorized agent or agents of such Owners, shall have the right to inspect such records at all reasonable times. The Board will within sixty (60) days following the close of each Fiscal Year, cause an audit of the books and accounts to be made by an independent firm of certified public accountants and that such audit will be available for inspection by the Owners of any of the Bonds.

Section 10.03 Additional Covenants.

(a) Additional Bonds. The City may issue “Additional Bonds” if the following conditions are met:

(i) the City is not then in default as to any covenant, condition or obligation prescribed by an ordinance authorizing the issuance of any bonds payable from and secured by a first lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues;

(ii) the Additional Bonds are made to mature on March 1 or September 1 in each of the years in which they are scheduled to mature;

(iii) the City has secured a certificate or opinion of a Certified Public Accountant to the effect that, according to the books and records of the City, the Net Revenues for the last completed Fiscal Year, or for 12 consecutive months out of the 15 months, immediately preceding the date of issuance of the Additional Bonds (the date of issuance being the date of delivery of all or a portion of the Additional Bonds to the initial purchasers) are at least equal to 1.25 times the Average Annual Debt Service for all Outstanding Bonds Similarly Secured after giving effect to the issuance of the Additional Bonds then being issued. In making a determination of the Net Revenues, the Accountant may take into consideration a change in the charges for services afforded by the System that became effective at least sixty (60) days prior to the last day of the period for which Revenues are determined and, for purposes of satisfying the above Revenues test, make a pro forma determination of the Net Revenues of the System for the period of time covered by his certification or opinion based on such change in charges being in effect for the entire period covered by the certificate or opinion of the Accountant; and

(iv) the Reserve Fund Requirement shall be increased as necessary and any such additional amount shall be accumulated in equal monthly installments during a period not to exceed sixty (60) months.

(b) Refunding Bonds. The City reserves the right to issue refunding bonds to refund all or any part of the Bonds Similarly Secured (pursuant to any law then available) upon such terms and conditions as the City Council of the City may deem to be in the best interest of the City and its inhabitants, and if less than all such Bonds Similarly Secured then Outstanding are refunded, the conditions precedent prescribed (for the issuance of Additional Bonds) set forth in subparagraph (a)(iii) of this Section shall be satisfied and the certificate of the Accountant required in subparagraph (a)(iii) shall give effect to the Debt Service requirements of the proposed refunding bonds (and shall not give effect to the Debt Service requirements of the Bonds Similarly Secured being refunded following their cancellation or provision being made for their payment).

(c) Obligations of Inferior Lien and Pledge. The City hereby reserves the right to issue obligations payable from and secured by a lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues of the System, junior and subordinate in rank and dignity to the lien and pledge securing the payment of the Bonds Similarly Secured, as may be authorized by the laws of the State of Texas.

(d) Maintain and Operate System Efficiently. The City and the Board hereby covenant, respectively, that they will maintain and operate the System with all possible efficiency, in good working order and at a reasonable cost while any of the Bonds remain Outstanding and faithfully and punctually perform all duties with reference to the System required by the Constitution and laws of the State.

(e) Rate Covenant. The Board hereby covenants that it will establish and maintain rates for services supplied by the System which shall produce or yield Net Revenues equal to 1.25 times the Average Annual Debt Service requirements of all Bonds Similarly Secured.

(f) Debt Service Coverage Ratio. The Board hereby covenants that each Fiscal Year while the Bonds are Outstanding, it will operate the System in a manner that results in the Net Revenues equaling 1.25 times the Average Annual Debt Service requirements of all Bonds Similarly Secured.

(g) Charges for Water and Sewer and Drainage Service. The City and the Board hereby covenant that charges for drainage services will be made jointly with charges made for the sale of water and sewer services. Such charges shall be required to be paid by the customer at the same time.

(h) Enforcement. To exercise and pursue with due diligence available remedies provided by law for the collection of delinquent drainage charges, including the power under Section 552.050 of the Act to discontinue all utility services, particularly water and sewer services provided by the City to a user of benefited property who is delinquent in the payment of drainage charges.

(i) Nonimpairment of Lien. The City and the Board hereby covenant, respectively, to take no action or omit to take any action, or suffer to be done or omitted to be done, any matter or thing whatsoever whereby the lien of the Bonds Similarly Secured on the Net Revenues of the System might or could be lost or impaired, and that the Board will pay or cause to be paid, or will make adequate provision for the satisfaction and discharge of all lawful claims and demands for labor, materials, supplies, or other objects which, if unpaid, might by law be given precedence to, or an equality with the Bonds Similarly Secured as a lien or charge upon the revenues of the System or any part thereof; provided that nothing in this subsection (i) shall be construed to require the Board to pay, discharge or make provision for any such lien, charge, claim or demand so long as the validity thereof shall be by it in good faith contested.

(j) No Sale or Encumbrance of System. The City and the Board hereby covenant, respectively, that they will not in any manner dispose of the System or any substantial part thereof, including any and all extensions and additions that may be made thereto, until the Bonds Similarly Secured shall have been paid in full as to both principal and interest; provided, however, that this covenant shall not be construed to prevent the disposal by the City of property, which in the

Board's judgment has become inexpedient to use in connection with the System, when other property of equal value is substituted therefor or when the proceeds of such disposition of such property are placed in the Interest and Sinking Fund, in addition to all other amounts required to be placed in the Interest and Sinking Fund in the current Fiscal Year, and are used for the retirement of Bonds Similarly Secured in advance of their respective maturities.

(k) No Competing Systems. The City hereby covenants that it will not grant a franchise for the operation of any competing drainage system in the City until all Bonds Similarly Secured have been paid in full with respect to principal and interest.

(l) No Free Service. The Board hereby covenants that it will not permit free drainage to be supplied to the City or to any other user (other than those persons exempt under the Act and/or applicable law) and the City hereby agrees that it will pay from its general fund the reasonable value of all drainage services obtained from the System by the City and all departments and agencies thereof.

Section 10.04 Payment of Bonds. While any of the Bonds are Outstanding, the Chief Financial Officer of the EPWU shall cause to be transferred to the Paying Agent/Registrar therefor, from funds on deposit in the Interest and Sinking Fund, and, if necessary, in the Reserve Fund, amounts sufficient to fully pay and discharge promptly as each installment of principal of the Bonds accrues or matures or comes due by reason of redemption prior to maturity; such transfer of funds to be made in such manner as will cause immediately available funds to be deposited with the Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds at the close of the business day next preceding the date of payment for the Bonds.

ARTICLE 11

COVENANTS TO MAINTAIN TAX EXEMPT STATUS

Section 11.01 Covenants to Maintain Tax Exempt Status.

(a) Definitions. When used in this Section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

“Closing Date” means the date on which the Bonds are first authenticated and delivered to the initial purchasers against payment therefor.

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by all legislation, if any, effective on or before the Closing Date.

“Computation Date” has the meaning set forth in Section 1.148-1(b) of the Regulations.

“Gross Proceeds” means any proceeds as defined in Section 1.148-1(b) of the Regulations, and any replacement proceeds as defined in Section 1.148-1(c) of the Regulations, of the Bonds.

“Investment” has the meaning set forth in Section 1.148-1(b) of the Regulations.

“Nonpurpose Investment” means any investment property, as defined in Section 148(b) of the Code, in which Gross Proceeds of the Bonds are invested and which is not acquired to carry out the governmental purposes of the Bonds.

“Rebate Amount” has the meaning set forth in Section 1.148-1(b) of the Regulations.

“Regulations” means any proposed, temporary, or final Income Tax Regulations issued pursuant to Sections 103 and 141 through 150 of the Code, and 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, which are applicable to the Bonds. Any reference to any specific Regulation shall also mean, as appropriate, any proposed, temporary or final Income Tax Regulation designed to supplement, amend or replace the specific Regulation referenced.

“Yield” of (1) any Investment has the meaning set forth in Section 1.148-5 of the Regulations and (2) the Bonds has the meaning set forth in Section 1.148-4 of the Regulations.

(b) Not to Cause Interest to Become Taxable. The City shall not use, permit the use of, or omit to use Gross Proceeds or any other amounts (or any property the acquisition, construction or improvement of which is to be financed directly or indirectly with Gross Proceeds) in a manner which, if made or omitted, respectively, would cause interest on any Bond issued hereunder to become includable in the gross income, as defined in Section 61 of the Code, of the owner thereof for federal income tax purposes. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, unless and until the City receives a written opinion of counsel nationally recognized in the field of municipal bond law to the effect that failure to comply with such covenant will not adversely affect the exemption from federal income tax of the interest on any Bond, the City shall comply with each of the specific covenants in this Section.

(c) No Private Use or Private Payments. Except as permitted by Section 141 of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder, the City shall at all times prior to the last stated maturity of the Bonds:

(i) exclusively own, operate and possess all property the acquisition, construction or improvement of which is to be financed or refinanced directly or indirectly with Gross Proceeds of the Bonds (including property financed with Gross Proceeds of the Refunded Obligations), and not use or permit the use of such Gross Proceeds (including all contractual arrangements with terms different than those applicable to the general public) or any property acquired, constructed or improved with such Gross Proceeds in any activity carried on by any person or entity (including the United States or any agency, department and instrumentality thereof) other than a state or local government, unless such use is solely as a member of the general public; and

(ii) not directly or indirectly impose or accept any charge or other payment by any person or entity who is treated as using Gross Proceeds of the Bonds (including property financed with Gross Proceeds of the Refunded Obligations) or any property the acquisition, construction or improvement of which is to be financed or refinanced directly or indirectly with such Gross Proceeds, other than taxes of general application within the City or interest earned on investments acquired with such Gross Proceeds pending application for their intended purposes.

(d) No Private Loan. Except to the extent permitted by Section 141 of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder, the City shall not use Gross Proceeds of the Bonds to make or finance loans to any person or entity other than a state or local government. For purposes of the foregoing covenant, such Gross Proceeds are considered to be “loaned” to a person or entity if: (1) property acquired, constructed or improved with such Gross Proceeds is sold or leased to such person or entity in a transaction which creates a debt for federal income tax purposes; (2) capacity in or service from such property is committed to such person or entity under a take or pay, output or similar contract or arrangement; or (3) indirect benefits, or burdens and benefits of ownership, of such Gross Proceeds or any property acquired, constructed or improved with such Gross Proceeds are otherwise transferred in a transaction which is the economic equivalent of a loan.

(e) Not to Invest at Higher Yield. Except to the extent permitted by Section 148 of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder, the City shall not at any time prior to the final stated maturity of the Bonds directly or indirectly invest Gross Proceeds in any Investment (or use Gross Proceeds to replace money so invested), if as a result of such investment the Yield from the Closing Date of all Investments acquired with Gross Proceeds (or with money replaced thereby), whether then held or previously disposed of, exceeds the Yield of the Bonds.

(f) Not Federally Guaranteed. Except to the extent permitted by Section 149(b) of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder, the City shall not take or omit to take any action which would cause the Bonds to be federally guaranteed within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder.

(g) Information Report. The City shall timely file the information required by Section 149(e) of the Code with the Secretary of the Treasury on Form 8038-G or such other form and in such place as the Secretary may prescribe.

(h) Rebate of Arbitrage Profits. Except to the extent otherwise provided in Section 148(f) of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder:

(i) The City shall account for all Gross Proceeds (including all receipts, expenditures and investments thereof) on its books of account separately and apart from all other funds (and receipts, expenditures and investments thereof) and shall retain all records of accounting for at least six years after the day on which the last Outstanding Bond is discharged. However, to the extent permitted by law, the City may commingle Gross Proceeds of the Bonds with other money of the City, provided that the City separately accounts for each receipt and expenditure of Gross Proceeds and the obligations acquired therewith.

(ii) Not less frequently than each Computation Date, the City shall calculate the Rebate Amount in accordance with rules set forth in Section 148(f) of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder. The City shall maintain such calculations with its official transcript of proceedings relating to the issuance of the Bonds until six years after the final Computation Date.

(iii) As additional consideration for the purchase of the Bonds by the Purchaser and the loan of the money represented thereby and in order to induce such purchase by measures designed to insure the excludability of the interest thereon from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes, the City shall pay to the United States out of the Interest and Sinking Fund or its general fund, as permitted by applicable Texas statute, regulation or opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas, the amount that when added to the future value of previous rebate payments made for the Bonds equals (i) in the case of a Final Computation Date as defined in Section 1.148-3(e)(2) of the Regulations, one hundred percent (100%) of the Rebate Amount on such date; and (ii) in the case of any other Computation Date, ninety percent (90%) of the Rebate Amount on such date. In all cases, the rebate payments shall be made at the times, in the installments, to the place and in the manner as is or may be required by Section 148(f) of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder, and shall be accompanied by Form 8038-T or such other forms and information as is or may be required by Section 148(f) of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder.

(iv) The City shall exercise reasonable diligence to assure that no errors are made in the calculations and payments required by paragraphs (ii) and (iii), and if an error is made, to discover and promptly correct such error within a reasonable amount of time thereafter (and in all events within one hundred eighty (180) days after discovery of the error), including payment to the United States of any additional Rebate Amount owed to it, interest thereon, and any penalty imposed under Section 1.148 3(h) of the Regulations.

(i) Not to Divert Arbitrage Profits. Except to the extent permitted by Section 148 of the Code and the Regulations and rulings thereunder, the City shall not, at any time prior to the earlier of the stated maturity or final payment of the Bonds, enter into any transaction that reduces the amount required to be paid to the United States pursuant to subsection (h) of this Section because such transaction results in a smaller profit or a larger loss than would have resulted if the transaction had been at arm's length and had the Yield of the Bonds not been relevant to either party.

(j) Elections. The City hereby directs and authorizes the City Manager or Interim City Manager, the President/Chief Executive Officer of the EPWU, the Vice President of Financial and Management Services of the EPWU and/or the Chief Financial Officer of the EPWU, either or any combination of them, to make elections permitted or required pursuant to the provisions of the Code or the Regulations, as they deem necessary or appropriate in connection with the Bonds, in the Certificate as to Tax Exemption or similar or other appropriate certificate, form or document.

(k) Bonds Not Hedge Bonds. (1) At the time the original obligations refunded by the Bonds were issued, the City reasonably expected to spend at least 85% of the spendable proceeds

of such original obligations within three years after such obligations were issued and (2) not more than 50% of the proceeds of the original obligations refunded by the Bonds were invested in Nonpurpose Investments having a substantially guaranteed Yield for a period of 4 years or more.

(l) Current Refunding. The payment and discharge of the Refunded Obligations will occur within ninety (90) days after the issuance of the Bonds and, therefore, the Bonds are a current refunding.

Section 11.02 Continuing Obligation. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance, the City's obligations under the covenants and provisions of this Article 11 shall survive the defeasance and discharge of the Bonds.

ARTICLE 12

DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

Section 12.01 Remedies in Event of Default. In addition to all the rights and remedies provided by the laws of the State of Texas, the City covenants and agrees particularly that in the event the City (a) defaults in payments to be made to the Interest and Sinking Fund or the Reserve Fund as required by the Ordinance, or (b) defaults in the observance or performance of any other of the covenants, conditions or obligations set forth in the Ordinance, the Owner or Owners of any of the Bonds shall be entitled to a writ of mandamus issued by a court of proper jurisdiction, compelling and requiring the City and its officers to observe and perform any covenant, condition or obligation prescribed in the Ordinance. No delay or omission to exercise any right or power accruing upon any default shall impair any such right or power, nor shall such delay or omission be construed to be a waiver of any such default or acquiescence therein, and every such right and power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient.

Section 12.02 Remedies Not Exclusive. No remedy herein conferred or reserved is intended to be exclusive of any other available remedy or remedies, but each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or under the Bonds or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity; provided, however, that notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance, the right to accelerate the debt evidenced by the Bonds shall not be available as a remedy under this Ordinance.

The exercise of any remedy herein conferred or reserved shall not be deemed a waiver of any other available remedy.

ARTICLE 13

DISCHARGE

Section 13.01 Discharge. If the City shall pay or cause to be paid, or there shall otherwise be paid to the Owners, the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, at the times and in the manner stipulated in this Ordinance, then the pledge of Net Revenues of the System under this Ordinance and all covenants, agreements, and other obligations of the City to the Owners shall thereupon cease, terminate, and be discharged and satisfied.

Bonds or any principal amount(s) thereof shall be deemed to have been paid within the meaning and with the effect expressed in this Section when (i) money sufficient to pay in full such Bonds or the principal amount(s) thereof at maturity, together with all interest due thereon, shall have been irrevocably deposited with and held in trust by the Paying Agent/Registrar, or an authorized escrow agent or (ii) Government Obligations shall have been irrevocably deposited in trust with the Paying Agent/Registrar, or an authorized escrow agent, which Government Obligations shall mature as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times as will insure the availability, without reinvestment, of sufficient money, together with any moneys deposited therewith, if any, to pay when due the principal of and interest on such Bonds, or the principal amount(s) thereof, on and prior to the stated maturity thereof. In the event of a defeasance of the Bonds, the City shall deliver a certificate from its financial advisor, the Paying Agent/Registrar, an independent certified public accountant, or another qualified third party concerning the sufficiency of the deposit of cash and/or Government Obligations to pay, when due, the principal of, redemption premium (if any), and interest due on any defeased Bonds. The City covenants that no deposit of moneys or Government Obligations will be made under this Section and no use will be made of any such deposit which would cause the Bonds to be treated as "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of Section 148 of the Code or the regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

All moneys so deposited with the Paying Agent/Registrar or an authorized escrow agent, and all income from Government Obligations held in trust by the Paying Agent/Registrar, or an authorized escrow agent, and all income from Government Obligations held in trust by the Paying Agent/Registrar, or an authorized escrow agent, pursuant to this Section, which is not required for the payment of the Bonds, or any principal amount(s) thereof, or interest thereon with respect to which such moneys have been so deposited shall be remitted to the City or deposited as directed by the City. Furthermore, any money held by the Paying Agent/Registrar for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds and remaining unclaimed for a period of three (3) years after the stated maturity of the Bonds such moneys were deposited and are held in trust to pay shall upon request of the City be remitted to the City against a written receipt therefor. The provisions of this paragraph are subject to the applicable unclaimed property law of the State of Texas.

The City reserves the right, subject to satisfying the requirements of (i) and (ii) above, to substitute other Government Obligations for the Government Obligations originally deposited, to reinvest the uninvested moneys on deposit for such defeasance and to withdraw for the benefit of the City moneys in excess of the amount required for such defeasance.

Upon such deposit as described above, such Bonds shall no longer be regarded to be outstanding or unpaid. Provided, however, the City has reserved the option, to be exercised at the time of the defeasance of the Bonds, to call for redemption, at an earlier date, those Bonds which have been defeased to their maturity date, if the City: (i) in the proceedings providing for the firm banking and financial arrangements, expressly reserves the right to call the Bonds for redemption; (ii) gives notice of the reservation of that right to the Owners immediately following the making of the firm banking and financial arrangements; and (iii) directs that notice of the reservation be included in any redemption notices that it authorizes.

ARTICLE 14

SALE AND DELIVERY OF BONDS; OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Section 14.01 Sale of Bonds - Official Statement.

(a) The Bonds authorized by this Ordinance may be sold by the City to the Purchaser by (i) negotiated sale, in accordance with one or more bond purchase agreements (each, a "Purchase Contract"), (ii) private placement, in accordance with one or more agreements to purchase or other agreement, or (iii) competitive bidding, in accordance with the successful bid(s) submitted therefor, as determined by the Pricing Officer, in accordance with Article 3 hereof. In the event the Bonds are sold by negotiated sale, the Pricing Officer shall designate and identify the Purchaser in the applicable Pricing Certificate. The Pricing Officer is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Purchase Contract, agreement(s) to purchase in the event of a private placement, or the successful bid form(s) in the event of a competitive sale, as applicable, for and on behalf of the City and as the act and deed of this City Council.

The Mayor, City Clerk and Alternate City Clerk of the City are further authorized and directed to manually or electronically execute and deliver for and on behalf of the City copies of a Preliminary Official Statement and Official Statement, prepared in connection with the offering of the Bonds by the Purchaser, in final form as may be required by the Purchaser, and such final Official Statement in the form and content as approved by the Pricing Officer or as manually or electronically executed by such officials shall be deemed to be approved by the City Council of the City and constitute the Official Statement authorized for distribution and use by the Purchaser.

(b) The City Manager or Interim City Manager, the President/Chief Executive Officer of the EPWU, the Vice President of Financial and Management Services of the EPWU, the Chief Financial Officer of the EPWU or any other officer of the City are each authorized to execute such documents, certificates and receipts, and to make such elections with respect to the tax-exempt status of the Bonds, as they may deem appropriate in order to consummate the delivery of the Bonds in accordance with the provisions and terms of this Ordinance and the Pricing Certificate.

(c) The obligation of the Purchaser to accept delivery of the Bonds is subject to the Purchaser being furnished with the final, approving opinion of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Bond Counsel for the City, which opinion shall be dated and delivered the Closing Date. The engagement of such firm as Bond Counsel to the City in connection with the issuance of its System revenue bonds is hereby approved and confirmed.

ARTICLE 15

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

Section 15.01 Annual Reports.

(a) The City shall cause the Board to provide annually to the MSRB (1) within six months after the end of each Fiscal Year (beginning with the Fiscal Year stated in the Pricing Certificate) financial information and operating data with respect to the System of the general type included in the final Official Statement approved by the Pricing Officer and described in the

Pricing Certificate, and (2) if not provided as part such financial information and operating data, audited financial statements of the System, when and if available, and in any case within 12 months after the end of each Fiscal Year (beginning with the Fiscal Year stated in the Pricing Certificate). Any financial statements so to be provided shall be prepared in accordance with the accounting principles described in the Pricing Certificate, or such other accounting principles as the Board may be required to employ from time to time pursuant to state law or regulation, and audited, if the Board commissions an audit of such statements and the audit is completed within the period during which they must be provided. If audited financial statements are not available by the required time, the Board will provide unaudited financial statements by the required time and audited financial statements when and if such audited financial statements become available.

(b) If the Board changes its Fiscal Year, it will notify the MSRB of the change (and of the date of the new Fiscal Year end) prior to the next date by which the Board otherwise would be required to provide financial information and operating data pursuant to this Section.

(c) The financial information and operating data to be provided pursuant to this Section may be set forth in full in one or more documents or may be included by specific reference to any document available to the public on the MSRB's Internet Web site or filed with the SEC.

Section 15.02 Notice of Certain Events.

(a) The City will cause the Board to provide notice of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds to the MSRB in a timely manner and not more than 10 business days after occurrence of the event:

- (i) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (ii) non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (iii) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (iv) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (v) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (vi) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB), or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
- (vii) modifications to rights of Owners of the Bonds, if material;
- (viii) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (ix) defeasances;
- (x) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;

- (xi) rating changes;
- (xii) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, or similar event of the Board or City, which shall occur as described below;
- (xiii) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Board or City or the sale of all or substantially all of its assets, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into of a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (xiv) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- (xv) incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Board, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the Board, any of which affect security holders, if material; and
- (xvi) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the Board, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

For these purposes, (a) any event described in the immediately preceding paragraph (a)(xii) is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent, or similar officer for the Board or City in a proceeding under the United States Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Board or City, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement, or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Board or City, and (b) the City intends the words used in the immediately preceding subsections (a)(xv) and (a)(xvi) and the definition of Financial Obligation in this Section to have the same meanings as when they are used in the Rule, as evidenced by SEC Release No. 34-83885, dated August 20, 2018.

(b) The City hereby instructs the Board to notify the MSRB, in a timely manner, of any failure by the Board to provide financial information or operating data in accordance with this Section by the time required by this Section.

Section 15.03 Filings with the MSRB. All financial information, operating data, financial statements, notices, and other documents provided to the MSRB in accordance with this Section shall be provided in an electronic format prescribed by the MSRB and shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB.

Section 15.04 Limitations, Disclaimers and Amendments

(a) The City, acting through the Board, shall be obligated to observe and perform the covenants specified in this Article with respect to the City, the Board and the Bonds while, but

only while, the City or the Board remains an “obligated person” with respect to the Bonds within the meaning of the Rule, except that the City will cause the Board in any event to give notice required by Section 15.02 hereof of any Bond calls and defeasance that cause the City to be no longer such an “obligated person”.

(b) The provisions of this Section are for the sole benefit of the Owners and beneficial owners of the Bonds, and nothing in this Section, express or implied, shall give any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy, or claim hereunder to any other person. The City undertakes to provide only the financial information, operating data, financial statements, and notices which it has expressly agreed to provide pursuant to this Section and does not hereby undertake to provide any other information that may be relevant or material to a complete presentation of the financial results, condition, or prospects of the City or the State of Texas or hereby undertake to update any information provided in accordance with this Section or otherwise, except as expressly provided herein. The City does not make any representation or warranty concerning such information or its usefulness to a decision to invest in or sell Bonds at any future date.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL THE CITY BE LIABLE TO THE OWNER OR BENEFICIAL OWNER OF ANY BOND OR ANY OTHER PERSON, IN CONTRACT OR TORT, FOR DAMAGES RESULTING IN WHOLE OR IN PART FROM ANY BREACH BY THE BOARD OR THE CITY, WHETHER NEGLIGENT OR WITHOUT FAULT ON ITS PART, OF ANY COVENANT SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION, BUT EVERY RIGHT AND REMEDY OF ANY SUCH PERSON, IN CONTRACT OR TORT, FOR OR ON ACCOUNT OF ANY SUCH BREACH SHALL BE LIMITED TO AN ACTION FOR MANDAMUS OR SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE.

(c) No default by the Board or the City in observing or performing its obligations under this Section shall constitute a breach of or default under this Ordinance for purposes of any other provision of this Ordinance.

(d) Nothing in this Section is intended or shall act to disclaim, waive, or otherwise limit the duties of the Board or the City under federal and state securities laws.

(e) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the provisions of this Section may be amended by the City from time to time to adapt to changed circumstances resulting from a change in legal requirements, a change in law, or a change in the identity, nature, status, or type of operations of the City or the Board, but only if (1) the provisions of this Section, as so amended, would have permitted an underwriter to purchase or sell Bonds in the primary offering of the Bonds in compliance with the Rule, taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule to the date of such amendment, as well as such changed circumstances, and (2) either (a) the Owners of a majority in aggregate principal amount (or any greater amount required by any other provision of this Order that authorizes such an amendment) of the Outstanding Bonds consent to such amendment or (b) a Person that is unaffiliated with the City (such as nationally recognized bond counsel) determines that such amendment will not materially impair the interests of the Owners and beneficial owners of the Bonds. The provisions of this Section may also be amended from time to time or repealed by the City if the SEC amends or repeals the applicable provisions of the Rule or a court of final jurisdiction determines that such provisions are invalid, but only if and to the extent that reservation of the City’s right to do so would not prevent underwriters of the initial

public offering of the Bonds from lawfully purchasing or selling Bonds in such offering. If the City so amends the provisions of this Section, it shall include with any amended financial information or operating data next provided in accordance with subsection (b) an explanation, in narrative form, of the reasons for the amendment and of the impact of any change in the type of financial information or operating data so provided.

ARTICLE 16 REDEMPTION AND PAYMENT OF REFUNDED OBLIGATIONS; ESCROW AGREEMENT

Section 16.01 Redemption of Refunded Bonds. (a) In order to provide for the refunding, discharge, and retirement of the Refunded Bonds, the Refunded Bonds, identified, described, and in the amounts set forth in the Pricing Certificate, are called for redemption on the first date such Refunded Bonds are subject to redemption or such other date specified by the Pricing Officer in the Pricing Certificate at the price of par plus accrued interest to the redemption date, and notice of such redemption shall be given in accordance with the applicable provisions of the ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City which authorized the issuance of the Refunded Bonds. The Pricing Officer is hereby authorized and directed to issue or cause to be issued a Notice of Redemption for the Refunded Bonds in substantially the form set forth as an exhibit to the Pricing Certificate, to the paying agent/registrar for the Refunded Bonds, in accordance with the redemption provisions applicable to the Refunded Bonds.

(b) The paying agent/registrar for Refunded Bonds is hereby directed to provide the appropriate notice of redemption as required by the ordinance authorizing the Refunded Bonds and is hereby directed to make appropriate arrangements so that the Refunded Bonds may be redeemed on the redemption date.

(c) The source of funds for payment of the principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds on their respective maturity or redemption date shall be from the funds deposited with the paying agent/registrar for the Refunded Bonds or the Escrow Agent pursuant to the Escrow Agreement finalized by the Pricing Officer and approved in Section 16.03 of this Ordinance and by the Pricing Officer in the Pricing Certificate, if applicable.

Section 16.02 Payment of Refunded ECP Notes. Following the deposit of funds to the credit of the Note Payment Fund as specified in the Pricing Certificate, the Refunded ECP Notes shall be payable solely from and secured by such deposits and shall cease to be payable from Net Revenues.

Section 16.03 Escrow Agreement.

(a) An “Escrow Agreement” (the “Escrow Agreement”) by and between the City and an authorized escrow agent designated in the Pricing Certificate (the “Escrow Agent”), if any such agreement is required in connection with the refunding of the Refunded Obligations, shall be attached to and approved in the Pricing Certificate. Such Escrow Agreement is hereby authorized to be finalized and executed by the Pricing Officer for and on behalf of the City and as the act and deed of this City Council; and such Escrow Agreement as executed by such Pricing Officer shall be deemed approved by this City Council and constitute the Escrow Agreement herein approved.

With regard to the finalization of certain terms and provisions of any Escrow Agreement, the Pricing Officer is hereby authorized to come to an agreement with the Escrow Agent on the following details, among other matters:

1. The identification of the Refunded Obligations;
2. The creation and funding of the Escrow Fund or Funds; and
3. The Escrow Agent's compensation, administration of the Escrow Fund or Funds, and the settlement of any paying agents' charges relating to the Refunded Obligations.

Furthermore, appropriate officials of the City in cooperation with the Escrow Agent are hereby authorized and directed to make the necessary arrangements for the purchase of the escrowed securities referenced in the Escrow Agreement (the "Escrowed Securities"), if any, and the delivery thereof to the Escrow Agent on the day of delivery of the Bonds to the Purchaser for deposit to the credit of the "CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS, MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS ESCROW FUND" (referred to herein as the "Escrow Fund"), or such other designation as specified in the Pricing Certificate; all as contemplated and provided in Chapter 1207, the Ordinance, the Pricing Certificate and the Escrow Agreement. To the extent permitted by the Escrow Agreement and if the Pricing Officer determines such an arrangement is in the City's best interest, the Pricing Officer is authorized to direct the Escrow Agent to reinvest cash balances representing receipts from the Escrowed Securities, make substitutions of the Escrowed Securities or redeem the Escrowed Securities and reinvest the proceeds thereof in substituted Escrowed Securities and authorize the Escrow Agent to enter into any associated contract with a provider of such Escrowed Securities as long as any such substituted Escrowed Securities mature on the dates and in the amounts specified in a verification report as sufficient to pay the principal of and redemption premium, if any, and interest on the Refunded Obligations when due. All Escrowed Securities delivered under such an arrangement shall be delivered to the Escrow Agent on a "delivery versus payment" basis. To the extent the Pricing Officer determines such an arrangement is in the City's best interest, the Pricing Officer is authorized to sign any associated contract, agreement, certificate or instruction letter with respect to such arrangement.

On or immediately prior to the date of the delivery of the Bonds to the Purchaser, the Pricing Officer, or other authorized City official, shall also cause to be deposited (and is hereby authorized to cause to be deposited) with the Escrow Agent from moneys on deposit in the debt service fund(s) maintained for the payment of the Refunded Obligations an amount which, together with the proceeds of sale of the Bonds, and the investment earnings thereon, will be sufficient to pay in full the Refunded Obligations (or the amount of accrued interest due thereon) on their scheduled maturity date (or the earliest date of payment, to be made from moneys in the Escrow Fund(s), as established in the Pricing Certificate, of the amount of accrued interest due thereon).

ARTICLE 17

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 17.01 Amendment to Ordinance.

(a) ***Amendments Without Consent.*** This Ordinance, the Pricing Certificate, and the rights and obligations of the City and of the owners of the Bonds may be modified or amended at any time without notice to or the consent of any owner of the Bonds or any other Previously Issued Bonds, solely for any one or more of the following purposes:

(i) To add to the covenants and agreements of the City contained in this Ordinance or the Pricing Certificate, other covenants and agreements thereafter to be observed, or to surrender any right or power reserved to or conferred upon the City in this Ordinance or the Pricing Certificate;

(ii) To cure any ambiguity or inconsistency, or to cure or correct any defective provisions contained in this Ordinance or the Pricing Certificate, upon receipt by the City of an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, that the same is needed for such purpose, and will more clearly express the intent of this Ordinance or the Pricing Certificate;

(iii) To supplement the security for the Bonds, replace or provide additional credit facilities, or change the form of the Bonds or make such other changes in the provisions hereof as the City may deem necessary or desirable and which shall not, in the judgment of the City, materially adversely affect the interests of the owners of the outstanding Bonds;

(iv) To make any changes or amendments requested by any bond rating agency then rating or requested to rate Bonds Similarly Secured, as a condition to the issuance or maintenance of a rating, which changes or amendments do not, in the judgment of the City, materially adversely affect the interests of the owners of the outstanding Bonds Similarly Secured; or

(v) To make such other changes in the provisions hereof as the City may deem necessary or desirable and which shall not, in the judgment of the City, materially adversely affect the interests of the owners of outstanding Previously Issued Bonds.

Notice of any such amendment may be published by the City in the manner described in subsection (c) of this Section; provided, however, that the publication of such notice shall not constitute a condition precedent to the adoption of such amendatory resolution and the failure to publish such notice shall not adversely affect the implementation of such amendment as adopted pursuant to such amendatory resolution.

(b) ***Amendments With Consent.*** Subject to the other provisions of this Ordinance, the owners of outstanding Bonds aggregating a majority in outstanding principal amount shall have the right from time to time to approve any amendment, other than amendments described in subsection (a) of this Section, to this Ordinance or the Pricing Certificate which may be deemed necessary or desirable by the City; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall permit

or be construed to permit, without the approval of the owners of all of the outstanding Bonds, the amendment of the terms and conditions in this Ordinance, in the Pricing Certificate or in the Bonds so as to:

- (i) Make any change in the maturity of the outstanding Bonds;
- (ii) Reduce the rate of interest borne by outstanding Bonds;
- (iii) Reduce the amount of the principal payable on outstanding Bonds;
- (iv) Modify the terms of payment of principal of or interest on the outstanding Bonds, or impose any conditions with respect to such payment;
- (v) Affect the rights of the owners of less than all Bonds then outstanding; or
- (vi) Change the minimum percentage of the outstanding principal amount of Bonds necessary for consent to such amendment.

(c) **Notice.** If at any time the City shall desire to amend this Ordinance or the Pricing Certificate other than pursuant to subsection (a) of this Section, the City shall cause written notice of the proposed amendment to be given by certified mail to each registered owner of the Bonds affected at the address shown on the Register. Such notice shall briefly set forth the nature of the proposed amendment and shall state that a copy thereof is on file with the City Clerk or Alternate City Clerk for inspection by all owners of Bonds.

(d) **Consent Irrevocable.** Any consent given by any owner of Bonds pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be irrevocable for a period of eighteen (18) months from the date of mailing of the notice provided for in this Section, and shall be conclusive and binding upon all future owners of the same Bonds during such period. Such consent may be revoked at any time after eighteen (18) months from the date of mailing by the owner who gave such consent, or by a successor in title, by filing notice thereof with the Paying Agent/Registrar and the City, but such revocation shall not be effective if the owners of a majority in outstanding principal amount of Bonds, prior to the attempted revocation, consented to and approved the amendment.

(e) **Ownership.** For the purpose of this Section, the ownership and other matters relating to all Bonds registered as to ownership shall be determined from the registration books kept by the Paying Agent/Registrar therefor. The Paying Agent/Registrar may conclusively assume that such ownership continues until written notice to the contrary is served upon the Paying Agent/Registrar.

Section 17.02 Further Procedures. The Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, the City Clerk, the Alternate City Clerk, the City Manager or Interim City Manager of the City, the President/Chief Executive Officer of the EPWU, the Vice President of Financial and Management Services of the EPWU, and/or the Chief Financial Officer of the EPWU and all other officers, employees and agents of the City, and each of them, shall be and they are hereby expressly authorized, empowered and directed from time to time and at any time to do and perform all such acts and things and to execute, acknowledge and deliver in the name and under the seal of the City and on behalf of the City all agreements, instruments, or such other documents, whether mentioned herein or not, as may be necessary or desirable in order to carry out the terms and provisions of this Ordinance, the

initial sale and delivery of the Bonds, and the Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement. In addition, prior to the initial delivery of the Bonds, the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, the City Clerk, the Alternate City Clerk, the City Manager or Interim City Manager of the City, the President/Chief Executive Officer of the EPWU, the Vice President of Financial and Management Services of the EPWU or the Chief Financial Officer of the EPWU and the City's Bond Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to approve any technical changes or corrections to this Ordinance or to any of the instruments authorized and approved by this Ordinance: (i) in order to cure any technical ambiguity, formal defect, or omission in the Ordinance or such other document; or (ii) as requested by the Attorney General or his representative to obtain the approval of the Bonds by the Attorney General and if such officer or counsel determines that such ministerial changes are consistent with the intent and purpose of the Ordinance, which determination shall be final. In the event that any officer of the City whose signature shall appear on any document shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such document, such signature nevertheless shall be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if such officer had remained in office until such delivery.

Additionally, the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, the City Clerk, the Alternate City Clerk, the City Manager or Interim City Manager of the City, the Chief Financial Officer of the City or the Pricing Officer may execute, authenticate, certify, or endorse or authorize to be executed, authenticated, certified, or endorsed with such officer's facsimile signature instead of the officer's manual signature any written agreement, including a contract, purchase order or surety bond, and any related document, including an application, certificate, or approval. For purposes of this Ordinance, "facsimile signature" means a reproduction of the manual signature of an authorized officer that is made by any method.

Section 17.03 Inconsistent Provisions. All ordinances, orders or resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters contained herein.

Section 17.04 Governing Law. This Ordinance shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

Section 17.05 Effectiveness. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

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APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of May, 2024.

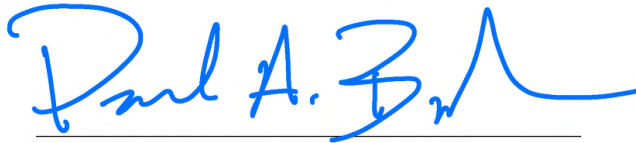
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EXHIBIT A
PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT

PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into as of _____ (this "Agreement"), by and between _____, a national banking association duly organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, or its successors (the "Bank") and the City of El Paso, Texas (the "Issuer").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Issuer has duly authorized and provided for the issuance of its "City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 20__" (the "Securities"), dated _____, such Securities scheduled to be delivered to the initial purchasers thereof on or about _____; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer has selected the Bank to serve as Paying Agent/Registrar in connection with the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on said Securities and with respect to the registration, transfer and exchange thereof by the registered owners thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Bank has agreed to serve in such capacities for and on behalf of the Issuer and has full power and authority to perform and serve as Paying Agent/Registrar for the Securities;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed as follows:

ARTICLE ONE

APPOINTMENT OF BANK AS PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR

Section 1.01 Appointment. The Issuer hereby appoints the Bank to serve as Paying Agent with respect to the Securities, and, as Paying Agent for the Securities, the Bank shall be responsible for paying on behalf of the Issuer the principal, premium (if any), and interest on the Securities as the same become due and payable to the registered owners thereof; all in accordance with this Agreement and the "Authorizing Document" (hereinafter defined). The Issuer hereby appoints the Bank as Registrar with respect to the Securities and, as Registrar for the Securities, the Bank shall keep and maintain for and on behalf of the Issuer books and records as to the ownership of said Securities and with respect to the transfer and exchange thereof as provided herein and in the Authorizing Document.

The Bank hereby accepts its appointment, and agrees to serve as the Paying Agent and Registrar for the Securities.

Section 1.02 Compensation. As compensation for the Bank's services as Paying Agent/Registrar, the Issuer hereby agrees to pay the Bank the fees and amounts set forth in **Annex A** attached hereto; provided however, notwithstanding anything herein or in Annex A to the contrary, the aggregate value of this Agreement shall be less than the dollar limitation set forth in Sections 2271.002(a)(2), 2274.002(a)(2) and 2276.002(a)(2) of the Texas Government Code, as amended.

In addition, the Issuer agrees to reimburse the Bank upon its request for all reasonable expenses, disbursements and advances incurred or made by the Bank in accordance with any of the provisions hereof (including the reasonable compensation and the expenses and disbursements of its agents and counsel).

ARTICLE TWO DEFINITIONS

Section 2.01 Definitions. For all purposes of this Agreement, except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires:

“Acceleration Date” on any Security means the date, if any, on and after which the principal or any or all installments of interest, or both, are due and payable on any Security which has become accelerated pursuant to the terms of the Security.

“Authorizing Document” means the resolution, order, or ordinance of the governing body of the Issuer pursuant to which the Securities are issued, as the same may be amended or modified, including any pricing certificate related thereto, certified by the secretary or any other officer of the Issuer and delivered to the Bank.

“Bank Office” means the designated office of the Bank at the address shown in Section 3.01 hereof. The Bank will notify the Issuer in writing of any change in location of the Bank Office.

“Holder” and “Security Holder” each means the Person in whose name a Security is registered in the Security Register.

“Person” means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision of a government.

“Predecessor Securities” of any particular Security means every previous Security evidencing all or a portion of the same obligation as that evidenced by such particular Security (and, for the purposes of this definition, any mutilated, lost, destroyed, or stolen Security for which a replacement Security has been registered and delivered in lieu thereof pursuant to Section 4.06 hereof and the Authorizing Document).

“Redemption Date”, when used with respect to any Security to be redeemed, means the date fixed for such redemption pursuant to the terms of the Authorizing Document.

“Responsible Officer”, when used with respect to the Bank, means the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, the President, any Vice President, the Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Cashier, any Assistant Cashier, any Trust Officer or Assistant Trust Officer, or any other officer of the Bank customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of his knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

“Security Register” means a register maintained by the Bank on behalf of the Issuer providing for the registration and transfers of Securities.

“Stated Maturity” means the date specified in the Authorizing Document the principal of a Security is scheduled to be due and payable.

Section 2.02 Other Definitions. The terms “Bank,” “Issuer,” and “Securities (Security)” have the meanings assigned to them in the recital paragraphs of this Agreement.

The term “Paying Agent/Registrar” refers to the Bank in the performance of the duties and functions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE THREE PAYING AGENT

Section 3.01 Duties of Paying Agent. As Paying Agent, the Bank shall pay, provided adequate collected funds have been provided to it for such purpose by or on behalf of the Issuer, on behalf of the Issuer the principal of each Security at its Stated Maturity, Redemption Date or Acceleration Date, to the Holder upon surrender of the Security to the Bank at the following address:

By Registered or Certified Mail

By Hand or Overnight Mail

As Paying Agent, the Bank shall, provided adequate collected funds have been provided to it for such purpose by or on behalf of the Issuer, pay on behalf of the Issuer the interest on each Security when due, by computing the amount of interest to be paid each Holder and making payment thereof to the Holders of the Securities (or their Predecessor Securities) on the Record Date (as defined in the Authorizing Document). All payments of principal and/or interest on the Securities to the registered owners shall be accomplished (1) by the issuance of checks, payable to the registered owners, drawn on the paying agent account provided in Section 5.05 hereof, sent by United States mail, first class postage prepaid, to the address appearing on the Security Register or (2) by such other method, acceptable to the Bank, requested in writing by the Holder at the Holder’s risk and expense.

Section 3.02 Payment Dates. The Issuer hereby instructs the Bank to pay the principal of and interest on the Securities on the dates specified in the Authorizing Document.

ARTICLE FOUR REGISTRAR

Section 4.01 Security Register - Transfers and Exchanges. The Bank agrees to keep and maintain for and on behalf of the Issuer at the Bank Office books and records (herein sometimes referred to as the “Security Register”) for recording the names and addresses of the Holders of the Securities, the transfer, exchange and replacement of the Securities and the payment of the principal of and interest on the Securities to the Holders and containing such other information as may be reasonably required by the Issuer and subject to such reasonable regulations as the Issuer and the Bank may prescribe. All transfers, exchanges and replacements of Securities shall be noted in the Security Register.

Every Security surrendered for transfer or exchange shall be duly endorsed or be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer, the signature on which has been guaranteed by an officer of a federal or state bank or a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority,

such written instrument to be in a form satisfactory to the Bank and duly executed by the Holder thereof or his agent duly authorized in writing.

The Bank may request any supporting documentation it feels necessary to effect a re-registration, transfer or exchange of the Securities.

To the extent possible and under reasonable circumstances, the Bank agrees that, in relation to an exchange or transfer of Securities, the exchange or transfer by the Holders thereof will be completed and new Securities delivered to the Holder or the assignee of the Holder in not more than three (3) business days after the receipt of the Securities to be cancelled in an exchange or transfer and the written instrument of transfer or request for exchange duly executed by the Holder, or his duly authorized agent, in form and manner satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar.

Section 4.02 Securities. The Issuer shall provide additional Securities when needed to facilitate transfers or exchanges thereof. The Bank covenants that such additional Securities, if and when provided, will be kept in safekeeping pending their use and reasonable care will be exercised by the Bank in maintaining such Securities in safekeeping, which shall be not less than the care maintained by the Bank for debt securities of other governments or corporations for which it serves as registrar, or that is maintained for its own securities.

Section 4.03 Form of Security Register. The Bank, as Registrar, will maintain the Security Register relating to the registration, payment, transfer and exchange of the Securities in accordance with the Bank's general practices and procedures in effect from time to time. The Bank shall not be obligated to maintain such Security Register in any form other than those which the Bank has currently available and currently utilizes at the time.

The Security Register may be maintained in written form or in any other form capable of being converted into written form within a reasonable time.

Section 4.04 List of Security Holders. The Bank will provide the Issuer at any time requested by the Issuer, upon payment of the required fee, a copy of the information contained in the Security Register. The Issuer may also inspect the information contained in the Security Register at any time the Bank is customarily open for business, provided that reasonable time is allowed the Bank to provide an up-to-date listing or to convert the information into written form.

The Bank will not release or disclose the contents of the Security Register to any person other than to, or at the written request of, an authorized officer or employee of the Issuer, except upon receipt of a court order or as otherwise required by law. Upon receipt of a court order and prior to the release or disclosure of the contents of the Security Register, the Bank will notify the Issuer so that the Issuer may contest the court order or such release or disclosure of the contents of the Security Register.

Section 4.05 Return of Cancelled Securities. The Bank will, at such reasonable intervals as it determines, surrender to the Issuer, all Securities in lieu of which or in exchange for which other Securities have been issued, or which have been paid.

Section 4.06 Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Securities. The Issuer hereby instructs the Bank, subject to the provisions of the Authorizing Document, to deliver and issue Securities in exchange for or in lieu of mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Securities as long as the same does not result in an overissuance.

In case any Security shall be mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen, the Bank may execute and deliver a replacement Security of like form and tenor, and in the same denomination and bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding, in exchange and substitution for such mutilated Security, or in lieu of and in substitution for such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Security, only upon the approval of the Issuer and after (i) the filing by the Holder thereof with the Bank of evidence satisfactory to the Bank of the destruction, loss or theft of such Security, and of the authenticity of the ownership thereof and (ii) the furnishing to the Bank of indemnification in an amount satisfactory to hold the Issuer and the Bank harmless. All expenses and charges associated with such indemnity and with the preparation, execution and delivery of a replacement Security shall be borne by the Holder of the Security mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen.

Section 4.07 Transaction Information to Issuer. The Bank will, within a reasonable time after receipt of written request from the Issuer, furnish the Issuer information as to the Securities it has paid pursuant to Section 3.01, Securities it has delivered upon the transfer or exchange of any Securities pursuant to Section 4.01, and Securities it has delivered in exchange for or in lieu of mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Securities pursuant to Section 4.06.

ARTICLE FIVE THE BANK

Section 5.01 Duties of Bank. The Bank undertakes to perform the duties set forth herein and agrees to use reasonable care in the performance thereof.

Section 5.02 Reliance on Documents, Etc.

(a) The Bank may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and correctness of the opinions expressed therein, on certificates or opinions furnished to the Bank.

(b) The Bank shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer, unless it shall be proved that the Bank was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts.

(c) No provisions of this Agreement shall require the Bank to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability for performance of any of its duties hereunder, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds for believing that repayment of such funds or adequate indemnity satisfactory to it against such risks or liability is not assured to it.

(d) The Bank may rely and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, note, security or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing statement, the Bank need not examine the ownership of any Securities, but is protected in acting upon receipt of Securities containing an endorsement or instruction of transfer or power of transfer which appears on its face to be signed by the Holder or an agent of the Holder. The Bank shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in a resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, note, security or other paper or document supplied by the Issuer.

(e) The Bank may consult with counsel, and the written advice of such counsel or any opinion of counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection with respect to any action taken, suffered, or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon.

(f) The Bank may exercise any of the powers hereunder and perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents or attorneys of the Bank.

(g) The Bank is also authorized to transfer funds relating to the closing and initial delivery of the Securities in the manner disclosed in the closing memorandum or letter as prepared by the Issuer, Issuer's financial advisor or other agent. The Bank may act on a facsimile or e-mail transmission of the closing memorandum or letter acknowledged by the Issuer, the Issuer's financial advisor or other agent as the final closing memorandum or letter. The Bank shall not be liable for any losses, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from the Bank's reliance upon and compliance with such instructions.

Section 5.03 Recitals of Issuer. The recitals contained herein with respect to the Issuer and in the Securities shall be taken as the statements of the Issuer, and the Bank assumes no responsibility for their correctness.

The Bank shall in no event be liable to the Issuer, any Holder or Holders of any Security, or any other Person for any amount due on any Security from its own funds.

Section 5.04 May Hold Securities. The Bank, in its individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of Securities and may otherwise deal with the Issuer with the same rights it would have if it were not the Paying Agent/Registrar, or any other agent.

Section 5.05 Moneys Held by Bank - Paying Agent Account/Collateralization. A paying agent account shall at all times be kept and maintained by the Bank for the receipt, safekeeping, and disbursement of moneys received from the Issuer under this Agreement for the payment of the Securities, and money deposited to the credit of such account until paid to the Holders of the Securities shall be continuously collateralized by securities or obligations which qualify and are eligible under both the laws of the State of Texas and the laws of the United States of America to secure and be pledged as collateral for paying agent accounts to the extent such money is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Payments made from such paying agent account shall be made by check drawn on such account unless the owner of the Securities shall, at its own expense and risk, request an alternative method of payment.

Subject to the applicable unclaimed property laws of the State of Texas, any money deposited with the Bank for the payment of the principal of, premium (if any), or interest on any Security and remaining unclaimed for three years after final maturity of the Security has become due and payable will be held by the Bank and disposed of only in accordance with Title 6 of the Texas Property Code, as amended. The Bank shall have no liability by virtue of actions taken in compliance with this provision.

The Bank is not obligated to pay interest on any money received by it under this Agreement.

This Agreement relates solely to money deposited for the purposes described herein, and the parties agree that the Bank may serve as depository for other funds of the Issuer, act as trustee under indentures authorizing other bond transactions of the Issuer, or act in any other capacity not in conflict with its duties hereunder.

Section 5.06 Indemnification. To the extent permitted by law, the Issuer agrees to indemnify the Bank for, and hold it harmless against, any loss, liability, or expense incurred without negligence or bad faith on its part, arising out of or in connection with its acceptance or administration of its duties hereunder, including the cost and expense against any claim or liability

in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties under this Agreement.

Section 5.07 Interpleader. The Issuer and the Bank agree that the Bank may seek adjudication of any adverse claim, demand, or controversy over its person as well as funds on deposit, in either a Federal or State District Court located in the state and county where the administrative office of the Issuer is located, and agree that service of process by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to the address referred to in Section 6.03 of this Agreement shall constitute adequate service. The Issuer and the Bank further agree that the Bank has the right to file a Bill of Interpleader in any court of competent jurisdiction in the State of Texas to determine the rights of any Person claiming any interest herein.

Section 5.08 DTC Services. It is hereby represented and warranted that, in the event the Securities are otherwise qualified and accepted for "Depository Trust Company" services or equivalent depository trust services by other organizations, the Bank has the capability and, to the extent within its control, will comply with the "Operational Arrangements", which establishes requirements for securities to be eligible for such type depository trust services, including, but not limited to, requirements for the timeliness of payments and funds availability, transfer turnaround time, and notification of redemptions and calls.

ARTICLE SIX MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 6.01 Amendment. This Agreement may be amended only by an agreement in writing signed by both of the parties hereto.

Section 6.02 Assignment. This Agreement may not be assigned by either party without the prior written consent of the other.

Section 6.03 Notices. Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver, or other document provided or permitted hereby to be given or furnished to the Issuer or the Bank shall be mailed or delivered to the Issuer or the Bank, respectively, at the addresses shown on the signature page hereof.

Section 6.04 Effect of Headings. The Article and Section headings herein are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

Section 6.05 Successors and Assigns. All covenants and agreements herein by the Issuer shall bind its successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

Section 6.06 Severability. In case any provision herein shall be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 6.07 Merger, Conversion, Consolidation, or Succession. Any corporation or association into which the Bank may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any corporation or association resulting from any merger, conversion, or consolidation to which the Bank shall be a party, or any corporation or association succeeding to all or substantially all of the corporate trust business of the Bank shall be the successor of the Bank as Paying Agent under this Agreement without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of either parties hereto.

Section 6.08 Benefits of Agreement. Nothing herein, express or implied, shall give to any Person, other than the parties hereto and their successors hereunder, any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy, or claim hereunder.

Section 6.09 Entire Agreement. This Agreement and the Authorizing Document constitute the entire agreement between the parties hereto relative to the Bank acting as Paying Agent/Registrar and if any conflict exists between this Agreement and the Authorizing Document, the Authorizing Document shall govern.

Section 6.10 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same Agreement.

Section 6.11 Termination. This Agreement will terminate (i) on the date of final payment of the principal of and interest on the Securities to the Holders thereof or (ii) may be earlier terminated by either party upon sixty (60) days written notice; provided, however, an early termination of this Agreement by either party shall not be effective until (a) a successor Paying Agent/Registrar has been appointed by the Issuer and such appointment accepted and (b) notice has been given to the Holders of the Securities of the appointment of a successor Paying Agent/Registrar. However, if the Issuer fails to appoint a successor Paying Agent/Registrar within a reasonable time, the Bank may petition a court of competent jurisdiction within the State of Texas to appoint a successor. Furthermore, the Bank and the Issuer mutually agree that the effective date of an early termination of this Agreement shall not occur at any time which would disrupt, delay or otherwise adversely affect the payment of the Securities.

Upon an early termination of this Agreement, the Bank agrees to promptly transfer and deliver the Security Register (or a copy thereof), together with the other pertinent books and records relating to the Securities, to the successor Paying Agent/Registrar designated and appointed by the Issuer.

The provisions of Section 1.02 and of Article Five shall survive and remain in full force and effect following the termination of this Agreement.

Section 6.12 Iran, Sudan or Foreign Terrorist Organizations. The Bank represents that neither it nor any of its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates is a company identified on a list prepared and maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 2252.153 or Section 2270.0201, Texas Government Code, and posted on the following page of such officer's internet website: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/publications/divestment.php>.

The foregoing representation is made solely to comply with Section 2252.152, Texas Government Code and excludes the Bank and each of its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, that the United States government has affirmatively declared to be excluded from its federal sanctions regime relating to Sudan or Iran or any federal sanctions regime relating to a foreign terrorist organization. The Bank understands "affiliate" to mean any entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Bank and exists to make a profit.

Section 6.13 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Texas.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

By: _____

Title: _____

Attest:

Address: _____

Title: _____

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

By: _____
Pricing Officer

Address: El Paso Water Utilities
1154 Hawkins Blvd.
El Paso, Texas 79925

ANNEX A

EXHIBIT B

(a) Form of Bond.

REGISTERED
No. _____

REGISTERED
\$ _____

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF EL PASO
CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS,
MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE UTILITY SYSTEM
REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 20____

INTEREST RATE:	MATURITY DATE:	INITIAL DATE:	CUSIP NO.:
_____ %	March 1, 20____	_____, 20____	_____

The City of El Paso (the "City"), in the County of El Paso, State of Texas, for value received, hereby promises to pay to

or registered assigns, but solely from the sources and in the manner hereinafter provided, on the Maturity Date specified above, the sum of

_____ DOLLARS

unless this Bond shall have been sooner called for prior redemption and the payment of the principal hereof shall have been paid or provided for, and to pay interest on such principal amount from the later of the date of delivery or the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or provided for until payment of such principal amount has been paid or provided for, at the per annum rate of interest specified above, computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months, such interest to be paid semiannually on March 1 and September 1 of each year, commencing _____ 1, 20____. The principal of this Bond shall be payable without exchange or collection charges in lawful money of the United States of America upon presentation and surrender of this Bond at the designated payment/transfer office in Minneapolis, Minnesota (the "Designated Payment/Transfer Office") of Computershare Trust Company, N.A., Paying Agent/Registrar, or at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of any successor thereto. Interest on this Bond is payable by check, dated as of the interest payment date, mailed by the Paying Agent/Registrar to the registered owner at the address shown on the registration books kept by the Paying Agent/Registrar or by such other customary banking arrangements acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar and the person to whom interest is paid; provided, however, that such person shall bear all risk and expense of such other customary banking arrangements. For the purpose of the payment of interest on this Bond, the registered owner shall be the person in whose name this Bond is registered at the close of business on the "Record Date," which shall be the fifteenth day of the month next preceding such interest payment date. In the event of a nonpayment of interest on a scheduled payment date, and for thirty days thereafter, a new record date for such interest payment (a "Special Record Date") will be established by the Paying Agent/Registrar, if and when funds

for the payment of such interest have been received from the City. Notice of the Special Record Date and of the scheduled payment date of the past due interest (which date shall be fifteen days after the Special Record Date) shall be sent at least five business days prior to the Special Record Date by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, to the address of each owner of a Bond appearing on the books of the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the last business day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice.

If the date for the payment of the principal of or interest on this Bond shall be a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day on which banking institutions in the city where the Designated Payment/Transfer Office is located are required or authorized by law or executive order to close, the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day on which banking institutions are required or authorized to close, and payment on such date shall for all purposes be deemed to have been made on the original date payment was due.

This Bond is one of a series of fully registered bonds specified in the title hereof, dated as of _____, 20__, issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$_____ (herein referred to as the "Bonds"), and issued pursuant to the authority provided by Texas Government Code, Chapters 1207 and 1371, as amended, and a certain ordinance of the City (the "Ordinance"), for the purposes of (i) refunding the Refunded ECP Notes, and/or (ii) refunding all or a portion of the Refunded Bonds, and (iii) paying the costs of issuing the Bonds as described in the Ordinance. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meaning assigned thereto in the Ordinance.

The Bonds are special obligations of the City, payable solely from and, together with the Previously Issued Bonds (identified and defined in the Ordinance), equally and ratably secured by a first lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues (as defined in the Ordinance) of the City's Municipal Drainage Utility System (as defined in the Ordinance and hereinafter referred to as the "System"). The Bonds do not constitute a legal or equitable pledge, charge, lien or encumbrance upon any property of the City or the System, except with respect to the Net Revenues. The Owner hereof shall never have the right to demand payment of this obligation out of any funds raised or to be raised by taxation.

Subject to satisfying the terms and conditions prescribed therefor, the City has reserved the right to issue additional revenue obligations payable from and equally and ratably secured by a parity lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues of the System, in the same manner and to the same extent as the Bonds.

The City reserves the option to redeem Bonds maturing on or after March 1, 20__, in whole or in part, in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, before their respective scheduled maturity dates, on _____, 20__ or on any date thereafter, at a price equal to the principal amount of the Bonds so called for redemption plus accrued interest to the redemption date. If less than all of the Bonds are to be redeemed, the City shall determine the maturity or maturities and the amounts thereof to be redeemed and shall direct the Paying Agent/Registrar to call by lot the Bonds, or portions thereof, within such maturity and in such principal amounts, for redemption.

A portion of a single Bond of a denomination greater than \$5,000 may be redeemed, but only in a principal amount equal to \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. If such a Bond is to be partially redeemed, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall assign a separate number for each \$5,000 portion of the Bonds and select the portion or portions of the Bond to be redeemed by lot or by any other customary method that results in a random selection.

[The Bonds stated to mature on March 1, 20__ and March 1, 20__ (the “Term Bonds”) are subject to scheduled mandatory redemption and will be redeemed by the City, in part at a price equal to the principal amount thereof, without premium, plus accrued interest to the redemption date, out of moneys available for such purpose in the Interest and Sinking Fund, on the dates and in the respective principal amounts as set forth in the following schedule:

Term Bonds Maturing March 1, 20__	
<u>Redemption Date</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
March 1, 20__	\$,000
March 1, 20__ (maturity)	\$,000

Term Bonds Maturing March 1, 20__	
<u>Redemption Date</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
March 1, 20__	\$,000
March 1, 20__	\$,000
March 1, 20__	\$,000
March 1, 20__ (maturity)	\$,000

The Paying Agent/Registrar will select by lot or by any other customary method that results in a random selection the specific Term Bonds (or with respect to Term Bonds having a denomination in excess of \$5,000, each \$5,000 portion thereof) to be redeemed by mandatory redemption. The principal amount of Term Bonds required to be redeemed on any redemption date pursuant to the foregoing mandatory sinking fund redemption provisions hereof shall be reduced, at the option of the City, by the principal amount of any Term Bonds which, at least 45 days prior to the mandatory sinking fund redemption date (i) shall have been acquired by the City at a price not exceeding the principal amount of such Term Bonds plus accrued interest to the date of purchase thereof, and delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation, or (ii) shall have been redeemed pursuant to the optional redemption provisions hereof and not previously credited to a mandatory sinking fund redemption.]

Notice of such redemption or redemptions shall be given by United States mail, first-class, postage prepaid, not less than 30 days before the date fixed for redemption, to the registered owner of each of the Bonds to be redeemed in whole or in part. Notice having been so given, the Bonds or portions thereof designated for redemption shall become due and payable on the redemption date specified in such notice, and from and after such date, notwithstanding that any of the Bonds or portions thereof so called for redemption shall not have been surrendered for payment, interest on such Bonds or portions thereof shall cease to accrue.

As provided in the Ordinance and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, this Bond is transferable upon surrender of this Bond for transfer at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office of the Paying Agent/Registrar with such endorsement or other evidence of transfer as is acceptable

to the Paying Agent/Registrar, and, thereupon, one or more new fully registered Bonds of the same stated maturity, of authorized denominations, bearing the same rate of interest, and for the same aggregate principal amount will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees.

Neither the City nor the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be required to issue, transfer or exchange any Bond called for redemption when such redemption is to occur within 45 calendar days after the transfer or exchange date. However, such limitations of transfer shall not be applicable to an exchange by the Owner of the unredeemed balance of a Bond called for redemption in part.

With respect to any optional redemption of the Bonds, unless certain prerequisites to such redemption required by the Ordinance have been met and moneys sufficient to pay the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds to be redeemed shall have been received by the Paying Agent/Registrar prior to the giving of such notice of redemption, such notice shall state that such redemption may, at the option of the City, be conditional upon the satisfaction of such prerequisites and receipt of such moneys by the Paying Agent/Registrar on or prior to the date fixed for such redemption, or upon any prerequisite set forth in such notice of redemption. If a conditional notice of redemption is given and such prerequisites to the redemption and sufficient moneys are not received, such notice shall be of no force and effect, the City shall not redeem such Bonds and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall give notice, in the manner in which the notice of redemption was given, to the effect that the Bonds have not been redeemed.

The City, the Paying Agent/Registrar, and any other person 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 interest shall be paid to the person in whose name this Bond is registered on the Record Date) and for all other purposes, whether or not this Bond be overdue, and neither the City, the Paying Agent/Registrar, nor any such agent shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED AND RECITED that this Bond has been duly and validly issued and delivered; that all acts, conditions, and things required or proper to be performed, exist, and be done precedent to or in the issuance and delivery of this Bond have been performed, existed, and been done in accordance with law; and that the interest on and principal of this Bond and the series of which it is a part, together with the Previously Issued Bonds, are secured by and payable from an irrevocable first lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues of the System, as provided in Ordinance, and not from any other revenues, funds or assets of the City.

This Bond shall not be deemed to constitute a debt of the City or a pledge of its faith and credit; nor shall the Owners hereof ever have the right to demand payment of this Bond out of any funds raised or to be raised by taxation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City has caused this Bond to be executed in its name by the manual or facsimile signature of the Mayor of the City and countersigned by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Clerk or Alternate City Clerk, and the official seal of the City has been duly impressed or placed in facsimile on this Bond.

City Clerk
City of El Paso, Texas

Mayor
City of El Paso, Texas

(SEAL)

(b) Form of Comptroller's Registration Certificate.

[to be printed on Initial Bond only]

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER §
OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS § REGISTER NO. _____
OF THE STATE OF TEXAS §

I hereby certify that there is on file and of record in my office a certificate of the Attorney General of the State of Texas to the effect that this Bond has been examined by him as required by law, that he finds that it has been issued in conformity with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and that it is a valid and binding special obligation of the City of El Paso, Texas, payable from the revenues pledged to its payment by and in the ordinance authorizing same and that such Bond has this day been registered by me.

Witness my hand and seal of office at Austin, Texas, on this date: _____.

Comptroller of Public Accounts
of the State of Texas

(SEAL)

(c) Form of Certificate of Paying Agent/Registrar.

CERTIFICATE OF PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR

This Bond has been duly issued and registered under the provisions of the within-mentioned Ordinance; the bond or bonds of the above entitled and designated series originally delivered having been approved by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and registered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts, as shown by the records of the Paying Agent/Registrar.

The designated office of the Paying Agent/Registrar in Minneapolis, Minnesota, is the Designated Payment/Transfer Office for this Bond.

COMPUTERSHARE TRUST COMPANY,
N.A., as Paying Agent/Registrar

Dated: _____

By: _____
Authorized Signature

(d) Form of Assignment.

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns, and transfers unto (print or typewrite name, address and Zip Code of transferee):

(Social Security or other identifying number: _____) the within Bond and all rights hereunder and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints _____ attorney to transfer the within Bond on the books kept for registration hereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

Signature Guaranteed By:

Authorized Signatory

NOTICE: The signature on this Assignment must correspond with the name of the registered owner as it appears on the face of the within Bond in every particular and must be guaranteed in a manner acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar.

(e) The Initial Bond shall be in the form set forth in subsection (a) of this Exhibit, except for the following alterations:

(i) Immediately under the name of the Bond, the headings "Interest Rate" and "Maturity Date" shall be completed with the words "As Shown Below," and the heading "CUSIP No." shall be deleted.

(ii) in the first paragraph of the Bond the words “on the Maturity Date specified above, the sum of _____ DOLLARS” shall be deleted and the following will be inserted: “on March 1 in each of the years, in the principal amounts and bearing interest at the per annum rates set forth in the following schedule:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
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(Information to be inserted from the Pricing Certificate)

(iii) the Initial Bond shall be numbered T-1.

(f) The Comptroller’s Registration Certificate may be deleted from the definitive Bonds if such Certificate on the Initial Bond is fully executed.

(g) The Certificate of the Paying Agent/Registrar may be deleted from the Initial Bond if the Comptroller’s Registration Certificate appears thereon.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE EL PASO CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$61,200,000 OF CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS, MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS TO PAY OFF UP TO \$60,000,000 OF EXTENDABLE COMMERCIAL PAPER NOTES AND TO FUND RELATED TRANSACTION COSTS, PROVIDED THAT CERTAIN PARAMETERS ARE MET.

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2007, the City Council of the City of El Paso, Texas (the “City”) established its Municipal Drainage Utility System by Ordinance Number 016668 for the management and control of stormwater drainage and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council, as authorized by State law, vested the complete management and control of the El Paso Texas Municipal Drainage Utility System (the “System”) in the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board (the “Public Service Board”); and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2023, the City Council of the City adopted an ordinance establishing the “City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Extendable Commercial Paper Program” (the “Program”) and authorizing the issuance of “City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Extendable Commercial Paper Notes, Series A (Tax-Exempt)” (the “ECP Notes”) to provide interim financing for additions, improvements and extensions to the System; and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Board hereby finds and determines that it is in the best interests of the System and the City to refund the City’s outstanding ECP Notes for the purpose of making such debt long-term fixed rate debt of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Board requests the El Paso City Council to authorize the issuance of up to \$61,200,000 of City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds to refund the outstanding ECP Notes and to fund related transaction costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS:

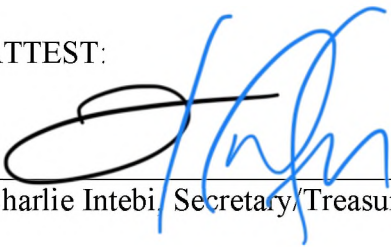
Section 1. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Resolution are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the Public Service Board and made a part of this Resolution for all purposes.

Section 2. That the Public Service Board hereby requests the El Paso City Council to authorize the issuance of up to \$61,200,000 of City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds to (i) pay off up to \$60,000,000 of outstanding ECP Notes and (ii) to fund up to \$1,200,000 of related transaction costs, provided that certain pricing parameters set forth in such ordinance are met.

(Signatures Begin on the Following Page)

PASSED AND APPROVED at the regular meeting of the Public Service Board, this 10th day of April, 2024, at which meeting a quorum was present and which was held in accordance with the provisions of Texas Government Code, Sections 551.001, et. seq.

ATTEST:



Charlie Intebi, Secretary/Treasurer

EL PASO WATER UTILITIES
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD



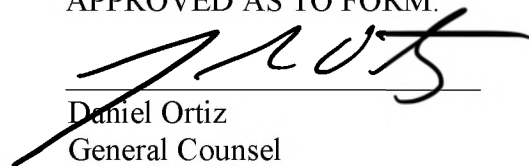
Ivonne Santiago, Chair

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Arturo Duran
Chief Financial Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Daniel Ortiz
General Counsel

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE EL PASO CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$14,000,000 OF CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS, MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS TO REFUND UP TO \$13,490,000 OF THE CURRENTLY OUTSTANDING SERIES 2015 BONDS AND TO FUND RELATED TRANSACTION COSTS, PROVIDED THAT CERTAIN PARAMETERS ARE MET.

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2007, the City Council of the City of El Paso, Texas (the “City”) established its Municipal Drainage Utility System by Ordinance Number 016668 for the management and control of stormwater drainage and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council, as authorized by State law, vested the complete management and control of the El Paso Texas Municipal Drainage Utility System (the “System”) in the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board (the “Public Service Board” or “Board”); and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council previously authorized and issued “City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2015,” dated March 1, 2015 (the “Refunded Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that it is in the best interests of the System and the City to refund all or a portion of the Refunded Bonds in order to achieve a present value debt service savings; and

WHEREAS, in order to take advantage of such potential savings, the Board requests the El Paso City Council the issuance of up to \$14,000,000 of City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds and fund related transaction costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS:

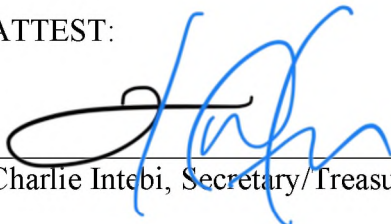
Section 1. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Resolution are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the Public Service Board and made a part of this Resolution for all purposes.

Section 2. That the Public Service Board hereby requests the El Paso City Council to authorize the issuance of up to \$14,000,000 of City of El Paso, Texas, Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds to refund up to \$13,490,000 of the Refunded Bonds and to fund related transaction costs, provided that certain pricing parameters as set forth in the City’s bond ordinance are met.

(Signatures Begin on the Following Page)

PASSED AND APPROVED at the regular meeting of the Public Service Board, this 10th day of April, 2024, at which meeting a quorum was present and which was held in accordance with the provisions of Texas Government Code, Sections 551.001, et. seq.

ATTEST:



Charlie Intebi, Secretary/Treasurer

EL PASO WATER UTILITIES
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD



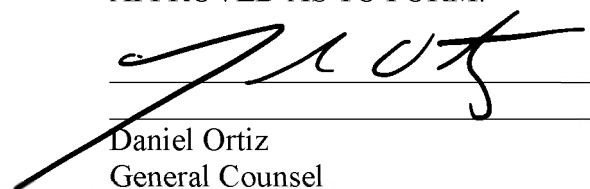
Ivonne Santiago, Chair

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Arturo Duran
Chief Financial Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Daniel Ortiz
General Counsel