

Legislation Text

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A MOTION of the county council approving a purchase contract for the county's Sewer Improvement and Refunding Revenue Bonds, 2016, Series B, in the aggregate principal amount of \$499,655,000, establishing certain terms of such bonds, and approving a plan of refunding from certain proceeds of such bonds, all in accordance with Ordinance 18111 and Ordinance 18116.

PREAMBLE

Pursuant to Ordinance 15385 and Motion 12389, the county council authorized the issuance of the county's Sewer Revenue and Refunding Bonds, 2006 (Second Series) ("the 2006 Bonds") to finance the construction of improvements to the System, to refund certain outstanding obligations of the System for debt service savings, and to pay the costs of issuing the 2006 Bonds.

The county reserved the right to redeem the 2006 Bonds maturing on or after January 1, 2018, in whole or in part at any time on or after January 1, 2017, at the price of par plus accrued interest, if any, to the date fixed for redemption.

There are presently outstanding \$120,895,000 aggregate principal amount of 2006 Bonds maturing on January 1 of each of the years 2018 through 2026, inclusive, 2031, and 2036, bearing interest at rates ranging from 4.125% to 5.00% ("the Refunded 2006 Bonds").

Pursuant to Ordinance 16868 and Motion 13272, the county council authorized the issuance of the county's Sewer Revenue and Refunding Bonds, 2010 ("the 2010 Bonds") to finance the construction of improvements to the System, to refund certain outstanding bonds of the System,

to pay capitalized interest, to fund a deposit to the Parity Bond Reserve Account, and to pay the costs of issuing the 2010 Bonds.

The county reserved the right to redeem the 2010 Bonds maturing on or after January 1, 2021, in whole or in part, at any time on or after July 1, 2020, at the price of par plus accrued interest, if any, to the date fixed for redemption.

There are presently outstanding \$133,780,000 aggregate principal amount of certain 2010 Bonds maturing on January 1 of each of the years 2036, 2040, 2045, and 2050, bearing interest at rates ranging from 4.25% to 5.00% ("the Refunded 2010 Bonds").

Pursuant to Ordinance 16868 and Motion 13406, the county council authorized the issuance of the county's Sewer Revenue Bonds, 2011 ("the 2011 Bonds") to finance the construction of improvements to the System, to fund a deposit to the Parity Bond Reserve Account, and to pay the costs of issuing the 2011 Bonds.

The county reserved the right to redeem the 2011 Bonds maturing on or after January 1, 2022, in whole or in part, at any time on or after January 1, 2021, at the price of par plus accrued interest, if any, to the date fixed for redemption.

There are presently outstanding \$98,135,000 aggregate principal amount of certain 2011 Bonds maturing on January 1 of each of the years 2022 through 2032, inclusive, 2034, 2037, and 2041, bearing interest at rates ranging from 5.00% to 5.25% ("the Refunded 2011 Bonds").

Pursuant to Ordinance 17111 and Motion 13535, the county council authorized the issuance of the county's Sewer Revenue and Refunding Bonds, 2011 Series B ("the 2011B Bonds") to finance the construction of improvements to the System, to refund certain outstanding bonds of the System, to fund a deposit to the Parity Bond Reserve Account, and to pay the costs of issuing the 2011B Bonds.

The county reserved the right to redeem the 2011B Bonds maturing on or after January 1, 2022,

in whole or in part, at any time on or after January 1, 2021, at the price of par plus accrued interest, if any, to the date fixed for redemption.

There are presently outstanding \$121,950,000 aggregate principal amount of certain 2011B Bonds maturing on January 1 of each of the years 2022 through 2031, inclusive, 2034, and 2041, bearing interest at rates ranging from 3.00% to 5.25% ("the Refunded 2011B Bonds").

Pursuant to Ordinance 17111 and Motion 13573, the county council authorized the issuance of the county's Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds, 2011 Series C ("the 2011C Bonds") to refund certain outstanding bonds of the System and to pay the costs of issuing the 2011C Bonds.

The county reserved the right to redeem the 2011C Bonds maturing on January 1, 2035, in whole or in part, at any time on or after January 1, 2021, at the price of par plus accrued interest, if any, to the date fixed for redemption.

There are presently outstanding \$15,960,000 aggregate principal amount of certain 2011C Bonds maturing on January 1, 2035, bearing interest at the rate of 5.00% ("the Refunded 2011C Bonds," and together with the Refunded 2006 Bonds, the Refunded 2010 Bonds, the Refunded 2011 Bonds, and the Refunded 2011B Bonds, "the 2016 Refunded Bonds").

Pursuant to Ordinance 18116, passed on September 21, 2015 ("the Refunding Ordinance"), the county council authorized, among other things, the issuance of one or more series of its sewer revenue bonds to refund certain outstanding sewer revenue bonds of the county, including the 2006 Bonds, the 2010 Bonds, the 2011 Bonds, the 2011B Bonds, and the 2011C Bonds.

The county has determined it is in the best interest of the county and the ratepayers of the System to modify the debt service or reserve requirements, sources of payment, covenants or other terms of the 2016 Refunded Bonds.

Pursuant to Ordinance 18111, passed on September 21, 2015 ("the Improvement Ordinance"), the county council authorized the issuance of one or more series of its sewer revenue bonds and

limited tax general obligation bonds (payable from sewer revenues) in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$350,000,000 to provide funds for acquiring and constructing improvements to the System.

The Refunding Ordinance and the Improvement Ordinance (together, "the Ordinances") provide that such bonds may be publicly sold in one or more series, as Parity Bonds or Parity Lien Obligations, as Tax-Exempt Bonds or otherwise, and by negotiated sale or by competitive bid, as determined by the Finance Director in consultation with the county's financial advisor.

The Finance Director has determined that a series of bonds authorized pursuant to the Ordinances, designated as the county's Sewer Improvement and Refunding Revenue Bonds, 2016, Series B, in the aggregate principal amount of \$499,655,000 ("the 2016B Bonds"), be sold as provided in this motion.

The 2016B Bonds are the second series of bonds issued pursuant to the Improvement Ordinance; the aggregate principal amount of the Sewer Improvement and Refunding Revenue Bonds, 2015, Series B, issued pursuant to the Improvement Ordinance was \$71,900,000 ("the 2015B Bonds").

The aggregate principal amount of the 2016B Bonds to be issued pursuant to the Improvement Ordinance is \$42,595,000; and that amount, added to the amount of the 2015B Bonds, does not exceed \$350,000,000.

To effect the refunding of the 2016 Refunded Bonds in the manner that will be most advantageous to the county, it is found necessary and advisable that a portion of the proceeds of the 2016B Bonds be deposited with the Escrow Agent (as defined in the Refunding Ordinance) and held in an irrevocable trust account for the benefit of the holders of the 2016 Refunded Bonds.

Pursuant to the Ordinances, a preliminary official statement dated August 29, 2016, has been prepared and distributed for the sale of the 2016B Bonds, and the Finance Director has

negotiated the sale of the Bonds to Citigroup Global Markets Inc., on behalf of itself and as representative of the other underwriters (collectively, "the Underwriters") named in the bond purchase contract attached as Attachment A to this motion ("the Purchase Contract").

It is in the best interest of the county that the 2016B Bonds be sold to the Underwriters on the terms set forth in the Purchase Contract, the Ordinances, and this motion.

BE IT MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

A. **Definitions.** Capitalized words that are used in this motion but not defined in this motion have the meanings set forth in the Ordinances for all purposes of this motion, unless some other meaning is plainly intended. The words and terms defined in the preamble to this motion, as used in this motion, have the meanings assigned such terms in the preamble to this motion, for all purposes of this motion, unless some other meaning is plainly intended. The following words and terms as used in this motion have the following meanings for all purposes of this motion, unless some other meaning is plainly intended.

"2016 Refunded Bonds" means the outstanding 2016 Refunded Bonds described in Attachment C to this motion.

"2016 Refunding Plan" means:

1. the deposit with the Escrow Agent of sufficient proceeds of the 2016B Bonds, together with other money of the county, if necessary;
2. the purchase by the Escrow Agent of the Acquired Obligations;
3. the application by the Escrow Agent of sufficient amounts held by it to the payment of interest on the Refunded 2006 Bonds when due up to and including January 1, 2017;
4. the call, payment and redemption on January 1, 2017, of all of the Refunded 2006 Bonds at a price of par;
5. the application by the Escrow Agent of sufficient amounts held by it to the payment of interest on the Refunded 2010 Bonds when due up to and including July 1, 2020;

6. the call, payment and redemption on July 1, 2020, of all of the Refunded 2010 Bonds at a price of par;

7. the application by the Escrow Agent of sufficient amounts held by it to the payment of interest on the Refunded 2011 Bonds, the Refunded 2011B Bonds, and the Refunded 2011C Bonds when due up to and including January 1, 2021;

8. the call, payment and redemption on January 1, 2021, of all of the Refunded 2011 Bonds, the Refunded 2011B Bonds, and the Refunded 2011C Bonds at a price of par; and

9. the payment of the costs of issuing the 2016B Bonds and the costs of carrying out the foregoing elements of the 2016 Refunding Plan.

"Acquired Obligations" means the United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, Notes, and Bonds-State and Local Government Series or other Government Obligations described in the Escrow Deposit Agreement and purchased to accomplish the refunding of the 2016 Refunded Bonds as authorized by the Refunding Ordinance and in accordance with the ordinances authorizing the issuance of the 2016 Refunded Bonds.

"Escrow Deposit Agreement" means an Escrow Deposit Agreement between the county and the Escrow Agent substantially in the form of that which is on file with the clerk of the county council and by this reference incorporated in this motion.

B. Approval of Bond Purchase Contract and Authorization of 2016B Bonds. The issuance of the 2016B Bonds, designated as set forth in the recitals of this motion, and the terms and conditions thereof as set forth in the Purchase Contract, are hereby ratified and confirmed, and the Purchase Contract is hereby approved. The 2016B Bonds will be dated their date of issue and delivery, will be subject to optional redemption, will mature on the dates and in the amounts, and will bear interest at the rates, all as specified in Attachment B to this motion. The 2016B Bonds shall conform in all other respects to the terms and conditions specified in the Purchase Contract and the Ordinances.

C. **Satisfaction of Parity Conditions.** In accordance with the Ordinances and the provisions of the Ordinances authorizing the issuance of the outstanding Parity Bonds, which permit the issuance of Future Parity Bonds upon compliance with the conditions set forth therein, the county council hereby finds and determines, as follows:

1. There is not now, and when the 2016B Bonds are issued there will not then be, any deficiency in the Parity Bond Fund or any account therein.
2. All money held in the Refunding Account will be used to pay the principal of and interest on the 2016 Refunded Bonds.
3. The Ordinances provide for payment of the principal of and interest on the 2016B Bonds out of the Parity Bond Fund.
4. The amount that will be on deposit in the Parity Bond Reserve Account at the Closing of the 2016B Bonds will satisfy the Reserve Requirement, without the need for any additional deposit.
5. The county will have on file at the Closing of the 2016B Bonds a certificate of the Finance Director demonstrating that during any 12 consecutive calendar months out of the immediately preceding 18 calendar months Net Revenue was at least equal to 1.25 times the amount required to pay, in each year that the 2016B Bonds will be outstanding, the Annual Parity Debt Service for such year.
6. The Finance Director will provide to the registered owner of the county's Junior Lien Variable Rate Demand Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2012, a certificate showing that Net Revenue in any 12 consecutive months out of the most recent 18 months preceding the issuance of the 2016B Bonds, based on financial statements of the System prepared by the county, is at least equal to 1.0 times the Annual Debt Service for the 2016B Bonds and all then outstanding obligations of the System secured by a lien on Revenue of the System, in each year during the life of the 2016B Bonds.

The applicable conditions for Future Parity Bonds having been complied with in connection with the issuance of the 2016B Bonds, the pledges contained in the Ordinances of Revenue of the System to pay and

secure the payment of the 2016B Bonds will constitute a lien and charge on Revenue of the System equal in rank with the lien and charge on the Revenue of the System to pay and secure the payment of the outstanding Parity Bonds.

D. Refunding and Redemption of 2016 Refunded Bonds.

1. **2016 Refunding Plan.** In accordance with Sections 16 and 28 of the Refunding Ordinance, the Finance Director has determined, in consultation with the county's financial advisor, that a portion of the proceeds of the 2016B Bonds will be used to refund the 2016 Refunded Bonds pursuant to the 2016 Refunding Plan, which is ratified and confirmed hereby.

As provided in Section 16 of the Refunding Ordinance, the King County 2016 Series B Sewer Revenue Bonds Refunding Account ("the Refunding Account") will be established and maintained with the Escrow Agent. A portion of the proceeds of the 2016B Bonds (exclusive of accrued interest, if any, which will be deposited into the Debt Service Account in the Parity Bond Fund) will be irrevocably deposited with the Escrow Agent in the Refunding Account and used, together with other funds of the county, if necessary, to carry out the 2016 Refunding Plan.

The appointment of U.S. Bank National Association as Escrow Agent is hereby ratified and confirmed. In accordance with Section 16.B. of the Refunding Ordinance, the Finance Director is authorized and directed to enter into the Escrow Deposit Agreement in a form approved by the county's bond counsel.

The proceeds of the 2016B Bonds and other money of the county remaining in the Refunding Account after providing for the necessary beginning cash balance will be utilized to pay expenses of the Escrow Agent and other costs of issuing the 2016B Bonds. Payment of the costs of issuing the 2016B Bonds may be provided for in the Escrow Deposit Agreement or in a separate agreement, as the Finance Director may determine.

The county may, from time to time, transfer, or cause to be transferred, from the Refunding Account any money not thereafter required to carry out the 2016 Refunding Plan, subject to the provisions of the Escrow Deposit Agreement, or if not therein provided, then subject to verification in writing by an independent certified

public accountant that the transfer will not result in inadequate funds being available to make the required payments therefrom.

2. **Redemption of 2016 Refunded Bonds.** The county hereby irrevocably sets aside sufficient money to carry out the 2016 Refunding Plan.

The county hereby defeases and calls the Refunded 2006 Bonds for redemption on January 1, 2017. The county hereby defeases and calls the Refunded 2010 Bonds for redemption on July 1, 2020. The county hereby defeases and calls the Refunded 2011 Bonds, the Refunded 2011B Bonds, and the Refunded 2011C Bonds, for redemption on January 1, 2021.

Each such defeasance and call for redemption of the 2016 Refunded Bonds will be irrevocable after the final establishment of the Refunding Account and delivery of the requisite money to the Escrow Agent. The Finance Director is authorized and requested to provide whatever assistance is necessary to accomplish the defeasance and redemption of the 2016 Refunded Bonds.

The Escrow Agent is hereby authorized and directed to notify the fiscal agent of the state of Washington to give notice of the defeasance and redemption of the 2016 Refunded Bonds in accordance with the applicable provisions of the ordinances authorizing their issuance. The Finance Director is authorized and requested to provide whatever assistance is necessary to accomplish the defeasance and redemption and the giving of notices therefor. The costs of publication of the notices will be an expense of the county.

The Escrow Agent is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the fiscal agent of the state of Washington money sufficient to carry out the 2016 Refunding Plan. All such money will be paid from the money deposited with the Escrow Agent in the Refunding Account. All money so paid will be credited to the Refunding Account. All money deposited with the Escrow Agent and any income therefrom will be held and applied in accordance with the provisions of the Refunding Ordinance, the Escrow Deposit Agreement and the laws of the state of Washington for the benefit of the county and the registered owners of the 2016 Refunded Bonds.

3. **Findings.** The county council hereby finds and determines that the issuance and sale of

the 2016B Bonds at this time is in the best interest of the county and the ratepayers of the System by modifying the debt service or reserve requirements, sources of payment, covenants or other terms of the 2016 Refunded Bonds. In making this finding and determination, the county council has given consideration to the interest on and the fixed maturities of the 2016B Bonds allocated to the Refunding Plan and the 2016 Refunded Bonds and the costs of issuance of the 2016B Bonds and the known earned income from the investment of the proceeds of sale of the 2016B Bonds allocated to the Refunding Plan pending redemption and payment of the 2016 Refunded Bonds.

The county council hereby further finds and determines that the money to be deposited with the Escrow Agent will be sufficient to defease and redeem the 2016 Refunded Bonds and will discharge and satisfy the obligations of the county with respect to the 2016 Refunded Bonds under the ordinances authorizing their issuance and the pledges of the county therein. Immediately upon the deposit of such money with the Escrow Agent, the 2016 Refunded Bonds will be deemed not to be outstanding under the ordinances authorizing their issuance and will cease to be entitled to any lien, benefit or security under such ordinances except the right to receive payment from the money and Acquired Obligations so set aside and pledged.

E. **Designation as Refunding Candidates.** The 2016B Bonds are hereby designated as "Refunding Candidates" for purposes of the Refunding Ordinance.

F. **Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.** In accordance with Section 30 of the Improvement Ordinance and Section 31 of the Refunding Ordinance, the county will enter into an undertaking for continuing disclosure for the 2016B Bonds in substantially the form described in the Official Statement for the 2016B Bonds.

G. **Further Authority.** The county officials and their agents, attorneys and representatives are hereby authorized and directed to do everything necessary for the prompt issuance and delivery of the 2016B Bonds and for the proper use and application of the proceeds of sale of the 2016B Bonds.

H. **Severability.** If any provision in this motion is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction

to be contrary to law, then that provision will be null and void and will be deemed separable from the remaining provisions of this motion and will in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this motion or of the 2016B Bonds.