

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 19-R-902**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MURPHY, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE WRITTEN INVESTMENT POLICY FOR INVESTMENT OF MUNICIPAL FUNDS; DESIGNATING INVESTMENT OFFICERS OF THE CITY; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes the necessity of utilizing the public funds entrusted to it by the citizens of Murphy in the most advantageous manner so as to maximize the benefit of those funds for the citizens of Murphy, Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes the necessity of protecting the principal of those funds and ensure the ready accessibility of such funds; and

**WHEREAS**, section 2256.005(b) of the Texas Government Code, as amended, requires the City to adopt a written investment policy regarding the investment of City funds which emphasizes safety of principal and liquidity; addresses investment diversification, yield, maturity, and the quality and capability of investment management; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 2256.005(f) of the Texas Government Code, as amended, City Council shall designate by ordinance or resolution, one or more City officers or City employees as investment officer who shall be responsible for the investment of the City's funds consistent with the City's investment policy and the laws of the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to adopt regulations governing the investment of the funds entrusted to it by the citizens of Murphy, Texas.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MURPHY, TEXAS, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** That the foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct findings of the City of Murphy, Texas, and are fully incorporated into the body of this resolution.

**Section 2.** That the City of Murphy does appoint the Finance Director as the primary Investment Officer, and the City Manager as a secondary Investment Officer. The designated Investment Officers will attend such training and at such times as is necessary to maintain the State standard of competency for an Investment Officer.

**Section 3.** That the City of Murphy does hereby adopt Texas Government Code, Chapter 2256, Public Funds Investment Act, in its entirety, as the rule and guide for the investment of such public funds as are entrusted to it and are deemed suitable for investment purposes. The Investment Policy attached hereto as *Exhibit A* ("Investment Policy of the City of Murphy, Texas"), and made a part hereof for all purposes is hereby adopted as the Investment Policy of the City of Murphy, Texas, as required by Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code.

**Section 4.** If any word, section, article, phrase, paragraph, sentence, clause, or portion of this resolution or application thereto to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance; and the City Council hereby declares it would have passed such remaining portions of this ordinance despite such invalidity which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

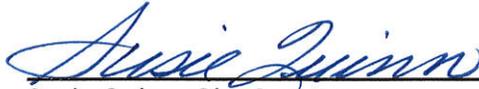
**Section 5.** This resolution shall become effective from and after its passage.

**DULY RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Murphy, Texas, on this the 8th day of January, 2019.



  
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Scott Bradley, Mayor  
City of Murphy

ATTEST:

  
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Susie Quinn, City Secretary  
City of Murphy

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

  
for \_\_\_\_\_  
Wm. Andrew Messer, City Attorney  
City of Murphy

***EXHIBIT A***

**INVESTMENT POLICY  
OF THE  
CITY OF MURPHY, TEXAS**

## **I. POLICY STATEMENT**

The purpose of this document is to set forth specific investment policy and strategy guidelines for the City of Murphy in order to achieve the goals of safety, liquidity, yield, and public trust for all investment activity. This policy serves to satisfy the statutory requirements of the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code, as amended.

The receipt of a market rate of return will be secondary to the requirements for safety and liquidity. It is the intent of the City to be in complete compliance with local law and the Texas Public Funds Investment Act (the "Act"). The earnings from investment will be used in a manner that best serves the interests of the City.

## **II. OBJECTIVES OF INVESTMENT POLICIES**

The primary objectives of the City's investment program in order of priority shall be preservation and safety of principal, liquidity, diversification and yield. Investments are to be chosen in a manner which promotes diversity by market sector, credit and maturity. All investments shall be designed and managed in a manner responsive to the public trust and consistent with State and Local law.

### **(a) SAFETY OF PRINCIPAL:**

The foremost and primary objective of the City's investment program is the preservation and safety of capital of the overall portfolio. Each investment transaction will seek first to ensure that capital losses are avoided, whether the loss occurs from the default of a security or from erosion of market value. The objectives will be to mitigate credit risk and interest rate risk. To control credit risk, investments should be limited to the safest types of securities. Financial institutions, broker/dealers and advisers who serve as intermediaries, shall be pre-qualified by the City. The credit ratings of investment pools and individual securities will be monitored to assure compliance with this policy and state law.

To control interest rate risk, the City will structure the investment portfolio so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations and will monitor marketable securities daily. Should an issuer experience a single step downgrade of its credit rating by a nationally recognized credit rating agency within 90 days of the position's maturity, the Investment Officer may approve the holding of the security to maturity.

### **(b) LIQUIDITY:**

The City's investment portfolio will remain sufficiently liquid to enable the City to meet operating requirements that might be reasonably anticipated. Liquidity will be achieved by matching investment maturities with forecasted cash flow funding requirements, by investing in securities with active secondary markets and by diversification of maturities and call dates. Furthermore, since all possible cash demands cannot be anticipated, the portfolio, or portions thereof may be placed in money market

mutual funds or local government investment pools, which offer same day liquidity for short-term funds.

**(c) DIVERSIFICATION:**

Diversification of the portfolio will include diversification by maturity and market sector and will include the use of a number of broker/dealers for diversification and market coverage. Competitive bidding will be used on sale and purchase.

**(d) YIELD:**

The City's investment portfolio will be designed with the objective of regularly meeting or exceeding the average rate of return on three month U.S. Treasury Bills. The investment program will seek to augment returns above this threshold consistent with risk constraints identified herein, cash flow characteristics of the portfolio and prudent investment principles. Investments are limited to relatively low risk securities in anticipation of earning a fair return relative to the risk being assumed. Marketable securities shall not be sold prior to maturity with the following exceptions:

- (1) A security with declining credit may be sold early to minimize loss of principal.
- (2) A security swap that would improve the quality, yield or target duration in the portfolio.
- (3) Liquidity needs of the portfolio require that the security be sold.
- (4) If market conditions present an opportunity for the City to benefit from the sale.

Funds held for future capital projects will be invested in such a way as to try to produce enough income to offset inflationary construction cost increases. However, such funds will never be unduly exposed to market price risks that would jeopardize the assets available to accomplish their stated objective, or be invested in a manner inconsistent with applicable federal and state regulations. Yields on debt proceeds that are not exempt from federal arbitrage regulations are limited to the arbitrage yield of the debt obligation. Investment officials will seek to preserve principal and maximize the yield of these funds in the same manner as all other city funds. However, it is understood that if the yield achieved by the city is higher than the arbitrage yield, positive arbitrage income will be averaged over a five year period and netted against any negative arbitrage Income and the net amount shall be rebated to the federal government as required by current federal regulations.

**(e) PUBLIC TRUST:**

All participants in the investment process will seek to act responsibly as custodians of the public trust. Investment officials will avoid any transactions that might impair public confidence in the City's ability to govern effectively. The governing body recognizes that in a diversified portfolio, occasional measured losses due to market volatility are inevitable,

and must be considered within the context of the overall portfolio's investment return, provided that adequate diversification has been implemented. The Investment Officer shall adhere to the City of Murphy Code of Conduct and City Charter.

### **III. PRUDENT INVESTOR RULE**

- (a) The standard of prudence to be applied by the investment officer shall be the "prudent investor" rule as provided in section 2256.006 of the Texas Government Code, as amended. This section states, "Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived."
- (b) Investment officers acting in accordance with written procedures and exercising due diligence, shall not be held personally liable for a specific security's credit risk or market price changes, provided deviations from expectations are reported in a timely fashion and appropriate action is taken to control adverse developments. The City will perform a compliance audit of management controls on investments and adherence to investment policies annually. Pursuant to section 2256.006(b) of the Texas Government Code, as amended, in determining whether an investment officer has exercised prudence with respect to an investment decision, the determination shall be made taking into consideration: (1) the investment of all funds, or funds under the City's control, over which the officer had responsibility rather than a consideration as to the prudence of a single investment; and (2) whether the investment decision was consistent with the written investment policy of the City of Murphy.
- (c) In accordance with section 2256.008 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, the Investment Officers shall attend ten (10) hours of investment training within twelve (12) months of assuming duties and ten (10) hours within every succeeding two (2) years. The investment training session shall be provided by an independent source approved by the Investment Review Committee. Training must include education in investment controls, security risks, strategy risks, market risks, diversification of investment portfolio, and compliance with the Act.

### **IV. INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO**

The City of Murphy shall invest in such investments as are lawful as enumerated in Texas Government Code, Chapter 2256, Public Funds Investment Act, sections 2256.009 through 2256.016. The City reserves the right to further restrict the types of investments which can be made. No investment shall be made until it shall have a full and detailed explanation to the Council and approval given therefore by a majority vote of the Council then present. Assets of the City of Murphy may be invested in the following instruments if deemed an authorized investment pursuant to the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code, and includes the following:

- (a) obligations of the United States of America, its agencies and instrumentalities, not to exceed two years to stated maturity, excluding mortgage-backed securities;
- (b) direct obligations of the State of Texas or its agencies and instrumentalities;
- (c) collateralized mortgage obligations directly issued by a federal agency or instrumentality of the United States, the underlying security for which is guaranteed by an agency or instrumentality of the United States;
- (d) other obligations, the principal and interest of which are unconditional guaranteed or insured by, or backed by the full faith and credit of, the State of Texas or the United States or the respective agencies and instrumentalities;
- (e) obligations of states, agencies, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of any state rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than A or its equivalent;
- (f) certificates of deposits issued by a state or national bank domiciled in the state or a savings and loan association domiciled in this state and is guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or its successor or the National Credit Union Insurance Fund or its successor secured by obligations that are described in A through E above, to include certificates of deposit purchased through the CDARS program with a Texas bank;
- (g) a fully collateralized signed master repurchase agreement provided the repurchase agreement approved by City Council: has a defined termination date; is secured by obligations described in A above; security's market value must be a minimum of 102% of the principal value of the repurchase agreement; requires the securities being purchased by the City to be pledged to the City, held in the City's name, and deposited at the time the investment is made with the City or with a third party selected and approved by the entity; and is placed through a primary government securities dealer, as defined by the Federal Reserve, or a financial institution doing business in this state; the safekeeping portion of the agreement shall define the City's rights to collateral in case of default, bankruptcy or closing and shall establish a perfected security interest in compliance with Federal and State regulations;
- (h) an authorized securities lending program;
- (i) an authorized banker's acceptance; financial institution serving as City depository will be required to sign a depository agreement with the City and the City's safekeeping agent;
- (j) commercial paper which has a stated maturity of 270 days or fewer from the date of its issuance; is rated not less than A-1 or P-1 or an equivalent rating by at least: two (2) nationally recognized credit rating agencies; or one (1) nationally recognized credit rating agency and is fully secured by an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a bank organized and existing under the laws of the United States or any state;

- (k) an authorized no-load money market mutual fund which is registered with and regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission; provides the investing entity with a prospectus and other information required by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. Section 78a et seq.) or the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. Section 80a-1 et seq.); has a dollar-weighted average stated maturity of 90 days or fewer; and includes in its investment objectives the maintenance of a stable net asset value of \$1 for each share;
- (l) guaranteed investment contract is an authorized investment for bond proceeds if the guaranteed investment contract: has a defined termination date; is secured by obligations described in A above, and is pledged to the City and deposited with the City or with a third party selected and approved by the City; and
- (m) an eligible investment pool if the City Council of the City of Murphy by ordinance, or resolution authorizes investment in the particular pool.

## **V. TERM OF INVESTMENTS**

The maximum maturity of any individual security the City may invest in shall be five (5) years.

## **VI. MONITORING OF THE MARKET VALUE OF INVESTMENTS**

The Investment Officer(s), with the help of City Council, as needed, shall determine the market value of each investment and of all collateral pledged to secure deposits of City funds at least quarterly and at a time as close as practicable to the closing of the reporting period for the investments. Such values shall be included on the investment report. The following methods shall be used:

- (a) Certificates of deposit shall be valued at their face value plus any accrued but unpaid interest;
- (b) Shares in money market mutual funds and investment pools shall be valued at par plus any accrued but unpaid interest;
- (c) Other investment securities with a remaining maturity of one year or less may be valued in any of the following ways:
  - (1) the lower of two bids obtained from securities broker/dealers for such security;
  - (2) the average of the bid and asked prices for such investment security as published in *The Wall Street Journal* or *The New York Times*;
  - (3) the bid price published by any nationally recognized security pricing service; or

- (4) the market value quoted by the seller of the security or the owner of such collateral.
- (d) Other investment securities with a remaining maturity of greater than one year shall be valued at the lower of two bids obtained from securities broker/dealers for such security, unless two bids are not available, in which case the securities may be valued in any manner provided in this section.

## **VII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

For funds invested in a pooled fund group, the maximum dollar-weighted average maturity allowance is two (2) years. This average is subject to change as necessary to maintain the maximum rate of return. Any such change must be approved by a majority vote of the City Council then present prior to being made effective.

All transactions, excepting those for mutual funds or investment pool funds, shall be settled on a delivery versus payment basis.