

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-09-86

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE CITY OF LANCASTER INVESTMENT POLICY; PROVIDING THAT ALL FUNDS OF THE CITY BE MANAGED AND INVESTED IN A MANNER THAT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 2256 (PUBLIC FUNDS INVESTMENT ACT); PROVIDING THAT THE SAME WILL BE IMPLEMENTED, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Lancaster Investment Policy is reviewed annually as part of the budget preparation process; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2256 of the Government Code (commonly known as the "Public Funds Investment Act"), requires the City to adopt a written investment policy regarding the investment of its funds by rule, order, ordinance, and or resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Public Funds Investment Act requires the Treasurer and the Chief Financial Officer (if the Treasurer is not the Chief Financial Officer) to attend an investment training course as required by the Public Funds Investment Act; and

WHEREAS, the designated officials of the City have attended an investment training course as required by the Public Funds Investment Act; and

WHEREAS, the attached investment policy and incorporated strategy comply with the Public Funds Investment Act as amended and authorize the investment of City funds in safe prudent investments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby affirms that the Written Investment Policy will continue to protect City assets by identifying investment objectives, addressing the issues of investment risk versus rewards, and providing for the establishment of controls, limitations, and responsibilities of City employees in the performance of their fiduciary responsibilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The City of Lancaster Investment Management Policy, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit "A", having been reviewed by the City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, and found to be acceptable and in the best interest of the City and its citizens is hereby in all things approved; and, the City Manager and staff shall implement and execute the procedures and policies adopted therein.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, as the law and charter in such cases provide.

DULY PASSED and approved by the City Council of the City of Lancaster, Texas, on this the 23rd day of September, 2024.

ATTEST:



Sorangel O. Arenas, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Clyde C. Hairston, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



David T. Ritter, City Attorney

Exhibit "A"

City of Lancaster, Texas
INVESTMENT POLICY
September 23, 2024



Lancaster



2019

City of Lancaster, Texas Investment Policy

I. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to set forth specific investment policy and strategy guidelines for the City of Lancaster, Texas, the Lancaster Economic Development Corporation (LEDC), and the Lancaster Recreation Development Corporation (LRDC) in order to achieve the objectives (in order of priority): safety, public trust, liquidity, diversification, and yield for all investment activity. This policy ensures compliance with Chapter 2256, of the Texas Government Code (The Public Funds Act) to define, adopt and annually review the investment policy of the city.

II. Policy Statement

It is the policy of the City of Lancaster that the administration of its funds and the investment of those funds shall be handled as its highest public trust. Investments shall be made in a manner which will provide the maximum security of principal invested through limitations and diversification while meeting the daily cash flow needs of the City and conforming to all applicable state statutes governing the investment of public funds.

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 interest of the City.

III. Scope

This investment policy applies to all the financial assets and funds of the City. The City invests its funds into multiple investments for diversification of risk. These funds shall be defined in the City's Annual Financial Report and any new funds created by the City unless specifically exempted by the City Council and this policy.

IV. Objective and Strategy

The City shall manage and invest with five primary objectives, listed in order of priority: safety, public trust, liquidity, diversification and yield. Investments are to be chosen in a manner which promotes diversity by market sector, credit and maturity. The choice of high-grade government investments and high-grade money market instruments is designed to assure the marketability of those investments should liquidity needs arise. To match anticipated cash flow requirements, the maximum

weighted average maturity of the overall portfolio may not exceed six months.

A. Safety

Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the City. Investments of the City shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to insure the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio.

B. Public Trust

All parties of the City's investment process shall seek to act responsibly as custodians of the public trust. Investment advisors and officials shall avoid any transaction that might impair public confidence in the City's ability to govern effectively and maintain a sound, sustainable city government.

C. Liquidity

The City's investment portfolio will be based on a cash flow analysis of needs and will remain sufficiently liquid to enable it to meet all operating and debt/bond requirements which might be reasonably anticipated.

D. 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 each sale and purchase.

E. Yield

The City's investment portfolio shall be designed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return, taking into account the City's risk constraints and the cash flow needs of the portfolio. "Market rate of return" may be defined as the average yield of the current six month U.S. Treasury bill.

Additional priorities are: (1) understanding of the suitability of the investment to the financial requirements of the city; and (2) marketability of the investment if the need arises to liquidate the investment before maturity.

Effective cash management is recognized as essential to good fiscal management. Cash management is defined as the process of managing monies in order to ensure maximum cash availability. The City shall

maintain a comprehensive cash management program which includes collection of accounts receivable, prudent investment of its available cash, disbursement of payments in accordance with invoice terms and the management of banking services.

V. Legal limitations, Responsibilities and Authority

Direct specific investment parameters for the investment of public funds in Texas are found in the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code. The Public Funds Collateral Act, Chapter 2257, Texas Government Code, specifies collateral requirements for all public funds deposits. All investments will be made in accordance with these statutes.

VI. Standards of Care

A. Delegation of Investment Authority

The Chief Financial Officer, acting on behalf of the City, is designated as the Investment Officer of the City and is responsible for investment management decisions and activities. The Chief Financial Officer is also responsible for evaluating the quality and capability of staff, investment advisors, and consultants involved in the investment management and procedures. All participants in the investment process shall seek to act as a prudent person as custodian of the public trust.

The Investment Officer shall develop and maintain written administrative procedures for the operation of the investment program which are consistent with this policy. The Procedures will include reference to safekeeping, require and include applicable "Bond Market Master Repurchase Agreements", wire transfer agreements, banking services contracts, and other investment related activities.

The Investment Officer shall be responsible for all transactions undertaken and shall establish a system of controls to regulate the activities of subordinate officials and staff. The Investment Officer shall designate a staff person as a liaison/deputy in the event circumstances require timely action and the Investment Officer is unavailable.

No officer or designee may engage in an investment transaction except as provided under the terms of this policy.

Authorization Resolution

A Trading Resolution shall be approved by the City Council authorizing the Investment Officer to engage in investment transactions on behalf of the City. The persons authorized by the Resolution to transact business for the City must also be authorized to approve wire transfers used in the process of investing.

B. Prudence

The standard to be used in the investment function shall be the "prudent person" standard and shall be applied in the context of managing the overall portfolio. This standard 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 expected income to be derived."

Limitation of Personal Liability

The Investment Officer and those delegated investment authority under this Policy, when acting in accordance with the written procedures and this Policy and in accord with the prudent person standard, shall be relieved of personal liability in the management of the portfolio provided that deviations from expectations for a specific security's credit risk or market price change or portfolio shifts are reported in a timely manner and the appropriate action is taken to control adverse market effects.

C. Internal Controls

The Chief Financial Officer is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure designed to ensure that the assets of the entity are protected from loss, theft, or misuse. The internal control structure shall be designed to provide reasonable assurance that these objectives are met. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that (a) the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived and (b) the valuation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management. Therefore, the Director of Finance shall establish a process for annual independent review by an external auditor to assure compliance with

policies and procedures.

Quarterly Investment Reports must be formally reviewed at least annually by the Independent Audit Firm and reported to the City Council.

A compliance audit of management controls on investments and adherence to the City's established investment policies will be conducted in conjunction with the City's annual audit by the independent auditor.

Cash Flow Forecasting

Cash Flow forecasting is designed to protect and sustain cash flow requirements of the City. Supplemental to the financial and budgetary systems, the Investment Officer will maintain a cash flow forecasting process designed to monitor and forecast cash positions for investment purposes.

D. Ethics and Conflicts of Interest

City employees involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with proper execution of the investment program, or which could impair the ability to make impartial investment decisions. City staff shall properly disclose to the City Manager and City Secretary any material financial interest in a financial institution that conducts business with the City.

An investment officer or City Council member of the City who has a personal business relationship with an organization seeking to sell an investment to the City shall file a disclosure statement disclosing that personal business interest. An investment officer who is related within the second degree by affinity or consanguinity to an individual seeking to sell an investment to the City shall file a statement with the Texas Ethics commission and the City Council disclosing that relationship.

E. Training

Investment officials must complete at least 10 hours of investment training within 12 months of taking office or assuming duties, and shall attend an investment training session not less than once in a two-year period and receive not less than 10 hours of instruction relating to

investment responsibilities. The City shall provide the training through courses and seminars offered by professional organizations and associations in order to insure the quality and capability of the City's investment personnel making investment decisions in compliance with Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA). Professional organizations and associations that may provide investment training included the Government Treasurer's Organization of Texas, the University of North Texas, the Government Finance Officers Association of Texas, or the Texas Municipal League.

VII. Authorizations

A. Authorized Investments

Acceptable investments under this policy shall be limited to the instruments listed below and as further described by the Public Funds Investment Act.

1. Obligations of the United States Government, its agencies and instrumentalities and government sponsoring enterprises, not to exceed two years to stated maturity, excluding collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs);
2. Fully insured or collateralized certificates of deposit from a bank doing business in the State of Texas and under the terms of a written depository agreement with the bank, not to exceed one year to stated maturity;
3. Repurchase agreement and reverse repurchase agreements as defined by the Act, not to exceed 180 days to stated maturity, provided an executed Bond Market Master Repurchase Agreement is on file with the City and the counterparty bank or primary dealer. Flex repurchase agreements used specifically for capital projects may extend beyond two years but only to match the expenditure plan of the projects;
4. No-load, SEC registered money market funds, each approved specifically before use by the City;

- 5 Constant dollar Texas Local Government Investment Pools as defined by the Public Funds Investment Act; and

If additional types of securities are approved for investment by public funds by state statute, they will not be eligible for investment by the City until this policy has been amended and the amended version is approved by the City Council.

B. Competitive Bidding Requirement

All securities, including certificates of deposit, will be purchased or sold after three (3) offers/bids are taken to verify that the City is receiving fair market value/price for the investment.

C. Delivery versus Payment

All security transactions, including collateral for repurchase agreements, entered into by the City, shall be conducted on a delivery versus payment (DVP) basis.

D. Exemption for Existing Investments

Any investment currently held that does not meet the guidelines of this policy, but are authorized investments at the time of purchase, shall be exempted from the requirements of this policy and is not required to be liquidated. At maturity or liquidation, such monies shall be reinvested only as provided by this policy.

E. Authorized Financial Dealer and Institutions

All investments made by the City will be made through either the City's banking services bank or a primary dealer. The Investment Officer will review the list of authorized broker/dealers annually. A list of at least three broker/dealers will be maintained in order to assure competitive bidding. The City Council must review, approve and adopt the Authorized List of Brokers on at least an annual basis.

Securities broker/dealers must meet certain criteria as determined by the Investment Officer. The following criteria must be met by those firms on the list:

- Provision of an audited financial statement each year
- Proof of certification by the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD) and provision of CRM number
- Proof of current registration with the State Securities Commission

Every broker/dealer and bank the City transacts business with will be provided a copy of this Investment Policy to assure that they are familiar with the goals and objectives of the investment program.

A representative of the firm will be required to return a signed certification stating that the Policy has been received and reviewed and that controls are in place to assure that only authorized securities are sold to the City.

VIII. Diversification and Maturity Limitations

It is the policy of the City to diversify its investment portfolio. Invested funds shall be diversified to minimize risk or loss resulting from over-concentration of assets in a specific maturity, specific issuer, or specific class of securities. Diversification strategies shall be established and periodically reviewed. At a minimum, diversification standards by security type and issuer shall be:

<u>Security Type</u>	<u>Max% of Portfolio</u>
U.S. Treasury obligations	100%
U.S. Government agencies and instrumentalities	Not to exceed 50%
Fully insured or collateralized CDs	Not to exceed 30%
Repurchase agreements	100%
Money Market funds	
For Bond funds	80%
Local Government Investment Pools	100%
Liquidity Pools	Not to exceed 20%
Maximum percent ownership of pool for bond funds	Not authorized

The Investment Officer shall be required to diversify maturities. The Investment Officer, to the extent possible, will attempt to match investment with anticipated cash flow requirements. Matching maturities with cash flow dates will reduce the need to sell securities prior to maturity, thus reducing market risk. Unless matched to a specific requirement, the Investment Officer may not invest more than 20% of the portfolio for a period greater than five (5) years. The Investment Officer may not invest any portion of the portfolio for a period greater than ten (10) years.

IX. Safekeeping and Collateralization

The laws of the State and prudent treasury management require that all purchased securities be bought on a delivery versus payment basis and be held in safekeeping by an independent Third Party safekeeping agent.

All safekeeping arrangements shall be designated by the Investment Officer and an agreement of the terms executed in writing. The third party custodian shall be required to issue safekeeping receipts to the City listing each specific security, rate, description, maturity, CUSIP number, and other pertinent information. Each safekeeping receipt will be clearly marked that the security is held for the City or pledged to the City.

All securities pledged to the City for certificates of deposit or demand deposits shall be held by an independent third party bank doing business in Texas. The safekeeping bank may not be within the same holding company as the bank from which the securities are pledged.

Collateralization

Collateralization is required on the time and demand deposits over the FDIC insurance coverage of \$250,000 and repurchase agreements.

In order to anticipate market changes and provide a level of additional security for all funds, the collateralization level required will be 102% of the market value of the principal and accrued interest. Collateral will be held by an independent third party safekeeping agent.

Securities pledged as collateral will be held in the City's name by an independent third party with whom the City has a current custodial agreement. The Investment Officer is responsible for entering into collateralization agreements with third party custodians in compliance with this Policy. The agreements are to specify the acceptable investment securities for collateral, including provisions in relation to possession of the collateral, the substitution or release of investment securities,

ownership of securities, and the method of valuation of securities. A clearly marked evidence of ownership (safekeeping receipt) must be supplied to the City and retained. Collateral shall be reviewed at least quarterly to assure that the market value of the pledged securities is adequate.

X. Performance Evaluation and Reporting

A. Methods

The Investment Officer shall prepare an investment report at least quarterly, including a management summary that provides an analysis of the status of the current investment portfolio and transactions made over the last quarter. This management summary will be prepared in a manner consistent with the requirements of Section 2256.023 (Internal Management Reports) of the PFIA, and that will allow the City to ascertain whether investment activities during the reporting period have conformed to the investment policy. The report should be provided to the City Council.

An independent auditor shall formally review the quarterly reports prepared under this section at least annually, and that auditor shall report the results of the review to City Council.

B. Performance Standards

The investment portfolio shall be managed in accordance with the objectives specified in this policy (safety, public trust, liquidity, diversification, and yield). The portfolio should obtain a market average rate of return during a market/economic environment of stable interest rates. The investment officer shall determine whether market yields are being achieved by comparing the portfolio market yield to the three (3) month U.S. Treasury Bill, the six (6) month U.S. Treasury Bill and the two (2) year U.S. Treasury Note.

C. Marking to Market

The market value of the portfolio shall be calculated at least quarterly and a statement of the market value of the portfolio shall be issue at least quarterly. The market value of each investment shall be obtained from a source such as the Wall Street Journal, a reputable brokerage firm or security pricing service and reported on the investment reports.

XI. Depositories

The City will designate one banking institution through a competitive process as its central banking services provider at least every three years. This institution will be used for normal banking services including disbursements, collections, and safekeeping of securities. Other banking institutions from which the City may purchase certificates of deposit will also be designated as a depository after they provide their latest audited financial statements to the City.

XII. Investment Policy Adoption by City Council

The City's Investment Policy shall be adopted annually by the City Council. The policy and strategies shall be reviewed on an annual basis prior to adoption. A written resolution approving the review and changes to the policy will be passed and recorded by the City Council.

**City of Lancaster, Texas
Authorized Investment Officials**

Opal Mauldin-Jones, City Manager

Michael Delmore, Chief Financial Officer

Christine Harris Reed, Director of Finance

City of Lancaster, Texas
Statement of Ethics and Conflicts of Interest

Investment officials for the City of Lancaster shall refrain from personal business relationships with business organizations that could conflict with the proper execution of the investment program, or which could impair their ability to make partial investment decisions. This would only apply to personal business relationships with business organizations that have been approved by City Council to conduct investment transactions with the City of Lancaster.

An investment official is considered to have a personal business relationship with a business organization if:

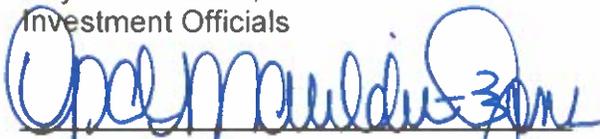
- (1) The investment official owns 10 percent or more of the voting stock or shares of the business organization or owns \$5,000 or more of the fair market value of the business.

- (2) Funds received by the investment official from the business organization exceed 10 percent of the investment official's gross income for the previous year.

- (3) The investment official has acquired from the business organization during the previous year investments with a book value of \$2,500 or more for the personal account of the investment official.

I do hereby certify that I do not have a personal business relationship with any business organization approved to conduct investment transactions with the City of Lancaster, nor am I related within the second degree by affinity or consanguinity, as determined under Chapter 573, to an individual seeking to sell an investment to the City of Lancaster as of the date of this statement.

City of Lancaster, Texas
Investment Officials


Opal Mauldin-Jones, City Manager

9/23/2024
Date


Michael Delmore, Chief Financial Officer

9/27/2024
Date


Christine Harris Reed, Director of Finance

9/27/2024
Date

City of Lancaster, Texas
Approved Broker/Dealers, Financial Institutions and Investment Pools

Broker/Dealers

Hilltop Securities Inc.

Public Depositories

JP Morgan Chase, NA
(Primary)

Investment Pools

TexPool

LOGIC

Texas Class

**City of Lancaster, Texas
Certification by Business Organization**

(date)

City of Lancaster, Texas
(Attn: Designated Investment official)
211 N. Henry Street
Lancaster, TX 75146
Dear Mr./s. *(investment official)*:

This certification is executed on behalf of the City of Lancaster, Texas (the Investor) and _____ (the Business Organization), pursuant to the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code, (the Act) in connection with investment transactions conducted between the Investor and Business Organization.

The undersigned Registered Principal of the Business Organization hereby certifies on behalf of the Business Organization that:

1. The undersigned is a Registered Principal of the Business Organization offering to enter an investment transaction with the Investor (Note: as such terms are used in the Public Funds Investment Act, chapter 2256, Texas Local Government Code) and;
2. The Registered Principal of the Business Organization has received and reviewed the Investment Policy furnished by the Investor and;
3. The Registered Principal of the Business Organization has implemented reasonable procedures and controls in an effort to preclude investment transactions conducted between the Business Organization and the Investor that are not authorized by the Investor's investment policy, except to the extent that this authorization is dependent on an analysis of the makeup of the investor's entire portfolio or requires and interpretation of the subjective investment standards.

Registered Principal

Broker Assigned to the Account

Signed By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____
