

City of Milpitas Investment Policy Excerpt

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Exhibit A

CITY OF MILPITAS INVESTMENT POLICY-Fiscal Year 2023-24

POLICY OVERVIEW

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish overall guidelines for the management and investment of the City of Milpitas (the City) unexpended funds under authority granted by the City Council. This policy is in compliance with the provisions of the California Government Code, Sections 16340, 16429.1 - 16429.4, and 53600-53686, the authority governing investments for municipal governments.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of this investment policy, in order of priority, are safety, liquidity, and return:

- 1) **Safety** - Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. Investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio. This objective shall be accomplished by mitigating credit risk and market risk.
- 2) **Liquidity** - The investment portfolio shall remain sufficiently liquid to meet all operating requirements that may be reasonably anticipated. This objective shall be accomplished by structuring the portfolio so that securities mature concurrently with anticipated needs. The portfolio shall consist largely of securities with active secondary or resale market. Furthermore, a portion of the portfolio may be placed in money market funds or Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) which offer same day liquidity for short term investment.
- 3) **Return** - The investment portfolio is designed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, taking into consideration the investment risk constraints and liquidity needs. Return on investment is of secondary importance compared to the safety and liquidity objectives described above. The core of investments is limited to relatively low risk securities in anticipation of earning a fair return relative to the risk being assumed. Nevertheless, investment performance shall be continually monitored and evaluated by the City Treasurer by comparison with other investment portfolio benchmarks.

Additionally, investments are to be made that will bear in mind the responsibility of City government to its citizens. The following investment considerations, which enhance the quality of life, will be adhered to:

- **Divestment From Publicly-Traded Fossil Fuel Companies** - The City of Milpitas has a responsibility to protect the lives and livelihoods of its inhabitants from the threat of climate change. The City believes that its investments should support a future where all citizens can live healthy lives without the negative impacts of a warming environment. For the purposes of the Investment Policy, a "fossil fuel company" shall be defined as any of the two hundred publicly-traded companies with the largest coal, oil and gas reserves as measured by the

gigatons of carbon dioxide that would be emitted if those reserves were extracted and burned, as listed in the Carbon Tracker Initiative's "Unburnable Carbon" report. Staff responsible for managing the City's investment portfolio are directed to divest all City investment funds held in fossil fuel companies once they reach their maturities and are prohibited from making any new investments in such companies.

SCOPE

The investment policy applies to all financial assets of the City of Milpitas as accounted for in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), including but not limited to the funds listed below:

- General Fund
- Special Revenue Funds
- Capital Projects Funds
- Debt Service Fund
- Enterprise Funds
- Internal Service Fund
- Trust and Agency Funds
- Any new fund created by the City Council unless specifically exempted with the exception of the following:

- 1) The City's Deferred Compensation Plan is excluded because it is managed by a third-party administrator and invested by individual plan participants.
- 2) Proceeds of debt issuance shall be invested in accordance with the investment objectives of this policy. However, such proceeds are generally invested in accordance with permitted investment provisions of their specific bond indentures. If the City Treasurer determines that the matching of bond reserve fund with the maturity schedule of an individual bond issue is prudent, the investment policy authorizes extending beyond the five year maturity limitation as outlined in this document.

STANDARDS OF CARE

- 1) **Prudence** - Pursuant to California Government Code, Section 53600.3, all persons authorized to make investment decisions on behalf of the City are trustees and therefore fiduciaries subject to the Prudent Investor Standard:

“...all governing bodies of local agencies or persons authorized to make investment decisions on behalf of those local agencies investing public funds pursuant to this chapter are trustees and therefore fiduciaries subject to the prudent investor standard. When investing, reinvesting, purchasing, acquiring, exchanging, selling, or managing public funds, a trustee shall act with care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing, including, but not limited to, the general economic conditions and the anticipated needs of the Agency, that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiarity with those matters would use in the conduct of funds of a like character and with like aims, to safeguard the principal and maintain the liquidity needs of the Agency. Within the limitations of this section and considering individual investments as part of an overall strategy, investments may be acquired as authorized by law.”

The City Treasurer and other individuals assigned to manage the investment portfolio, acting within the intent and scope of the investment policy and other written procedures and exercising due diligence, shall be relieved of personal responsibility and liability for an individual