

RESOLUTION NO. 10- 2015

A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND ADOPTING THE
INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF CLAYTON

THE CITY COUNCIL
City of Clayton, California

WHEREAS, investment policies guide staff and their advisors for all investment activities on behalf of cities; and

WHEREAS, those investment activities are primarily governed by the individual city's adopted investment policies and by California state law (Government Code sections 53600-53610); and

WHEREAS, the Investment Policy for the City of Clayton is consistent with state law and, for the purpose of added safety and liquidity, is more restrictive than state law; and

WHEREAS, revisions to Government Code section 53646 now require annual review and approval of a city's investment policy only if there are changes, however it encourages cities to conduct an annual review and approval process even if there are no proposed changes; and

WHEREAS, this year City staff recommends one revision to the Investment Policy to section VII (H) "Allowable Investments";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Clayton, California does herewith establish and approve the amended Investment Policy of the City, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Clayton, California, at a regular public meeting thereof held on the 21st day of April 2015 by the following vote:


AYES: Mayor Shuey, Councilmembers Diaz, Haydon and Pierce.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Geller.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF CLAYTON, CA


By: David T. Shuey, Mayor

ATTEST:


Janet Brown, City Clerk

INVESTMENT POLICY

CITY OF CLAYTON, CALIFORNIA

I. POLICY

It is the policy of the City of Clayton [and the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Clayton] {together, referred to as the "City"} to meet the short and long-term cash flow demands of the City in a manner which will provide for the safety of principal monies with sufficient liquidity, while providing a reasonable investment return. The purpose of this Investment Policy is to identify and outline various methods and procedures for the prudent and systematic investment of public funds.

II. SCOPE

This Investment Policy applies to all investment activities and financial assets of the City {hereinafter, the "Funds"}. The following Funds are covered by this Investment Policy and are accounted for in the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report:

- (A) General Fund
- (B) Special Revenue Fund
- (C) Debt Service Fund
- (D) Capital Project Funds
- (E) Enterprise Funds
- (F) Internal Services Funds
- (G) Trust and Agency Funds
- (H) Any new funds created by the City Council.

Bond proceeds shall be invested in accordance with the requirements and restrictions outlined in the bond documents. Bond proceeds are not considered part of the Funds nor subject to this Investment Policy.

III. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The City Treasurer is expressly authorized to invest the City's Funds, pursuant to California Government Code Sections 53600, 16429.1 and 53684 et seq. The City Treasurer will meet with, and obtain the approval of, the City Manager prior to investment of the Funds. Investments made routinely by the Finance Manager are restricted to the State Pool [Local Agency Investment Fund, LAIF] or to securities maturing within six (6) months. Prior to investing in securities, the Finance Manager will consider the cash flow requirements of the City and may invest in securities maturing over six (6) months if directed by the City Treasurer or the City Manager in writing or verbally, if confirmed in writing within thirty (30) days.

IV. ASSIGNMENTS AND DUTIES

- A. **City Council.** The City Council is elected by the registered voters of Clayton. The Council establishes policies for the City and approves the expenditure of City Funds.
- B. **City Manager.** The City Manager is appointed by the City Council and implements policies established by the City Council. The City Manager is responsible for all City departments and is also the Chief Fiscal Officer and is responsible for general management of all investments of Funds.
- C. **City Treasurer.** The City Treasurer is appointed by the City Council and serves at the will and pleasure of the Council. Pursuant to the California Government Code, the City Treasurer is primarily responsible for the proper and prudent investment of Funds, and periodically reviews, makes recommendations regarding, and approves the investments of Funds and investment policies.
- D. **Finance Manager.** The Finance Manager is appointed by the City Manager and is responsible for the daily supervision of all financial transactions of the City, including but not limited to the administration, monitoring, reporting and the restricted placement of Fund investments.

Together, the City Treasurer, City Manager and the Finance Manager function and operate as a check-and-balance system for the prudent and proper investment of all Funds.

V. PRUDENCE

Investments shall be made pursuant to the “Prudent Investor” standard, mandated by California Government Code Section 53600.3, which states:

“When investing, reinvesting, purchasing, acquiring, exchanging, selling, and managing public funds, a trustee shall act with care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing, 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 City. Within the limitations of this section and considering individual investments as part of an overall strategy, a trustee is authorized to acquire investments as authorized by law.”

The “Prudent Investor” standard shall be applied in the context of managing the Funds. The City Treasurer and each investment employee, acting within the intent and scope of this Investment Policy and other written procedures and exercising due diligence, shall

be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual security's credit risk or market price changes, provided deviations from expectations are reported in a timely manner and appropriate action is taken to control adverse developments.

VI. INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

The objective of the investment portfolio is to meet the short and long-term cash flow demands of the City. To achieve this objective, the portfolio will be structured to provide Safety of Principal, Liquidity and Return on Investments.

A. Safety of Principal.

Safety of the City's investments is the primary objective. Investments of the Funds shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure that capital losses are minimized, whether from institution default, broker-dealer default, or erosion of the market value of securities. The City shall seek to preserve principal by mitigating two types of risk, in order of importance:

1. Credit Risk. Credit risk, defined as the risk of loss due to failure of an issuer of a security, shall be mitigated by purchasing Treasuries or high-grade securities. All investments beyond Treasury securities will be diversified so that the failure of any one issuer would not unduly harm the City's cash flow. Credit risk shall also be mitigated by pre-qualifying financial institutions, broker-dealers, intermediaries and advisors with which the City does business.
2. Market or Interest Rate Risk. Interest rate risk is the risk the market value of securities in the portfolio will fall due to changes in general interest rates. Interest rate risk may be mitigated by structuring Funds so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations, thereby avoiding the need to sell securities on the open market prior to maturity, and by investing operating funds primarily in shorter-term securities. The cash flow is updated on a daily basis and will be considered prior to investment of securities in order to limit the need to sell investments for liquidity purposes.

Long-term securities shall not be purchased for the sole purpose of short-term speculation. Securities shall not be sold prior to maturity with the following exceptions: 1). A declining credit security would be sold early to minimize loss of principal; 2). A security swap would improve the quality, yield, or target duration in the portfolio; or 3). Liquidity needs of the portfolio require the security be sold.

The weighted average maturity of the Funds is limited to three (3) years or less. Purchases of investments will be restricted to securities with a final stated maturity not to exceed five (5) years.

B. Liquidity.

Liquidity is the second most important objective of City investments. The Funds shall remain sufficiently liquid to meet all operating requirements that may be reasonably anticipated. This is accomplished by structuring the portfolio so that securities mature concurrent with cash needs to meet anticipated demands (static liquidity). Since all possible cash demands cannot be anticipated, the Funds will maintain a liquidity buffer and invest primarily in securities with active secondary or resale markets (dynamic liquidity).

C. Return on Investments.

Return on investment should be considered and maximized after the basic objectives of safety and liquidity have been met. The Funds shall be designed to attain a return on investments through budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account the investment risk constraints and liquidity needs. The core of investments is limited to relatively low risk securities in anticipation of earning a fair return relative to the risk being assumed.

VII. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS

The investments set forth in this section are authorized investments pursuant to Section 53601 of the California Government Code and are herewith authorized investments for City Funds:

- A. The State of California Investment Pool, known as the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF);
- B. Passbook savings accounts, demand deposits;
- C. Certificate of Deposit placed with insured banks, savings and loans, or credit unions up to a maximum of \$250,000 per insured depository institution for each account ownership category;
- D. Bonds issued by the City, including bonds payable solely out of, controlled, or operated by the City or by an agency or authority of the City;
- E. United States Treasury notes, bonds bills or certificates of indebtedness, or those for which the faith and credit of the United States are pledged for the payment of principal and interest;

- F. Registered state warrants or treasury notes or bonds of the State of California, including bonds payable solely out of the revenues from a revenue-producing property owned, controlled, or operated by the state or by a department, board, agency or authority of the state; and/or
- G. Mortgage pass-through security, collateralized mortgage obligation, mortgage-backed or other pay-through bond, or U. S. corporate bond of a maximum of five (5) years maturity. Securities eligible for investment under this subdivision shall be issued by an issuer having an "A" or higher rating for the issuers debt, as provided by a nationally recognized rating service and rated in a rating category of "AA" or its equivalent or better by a nationally recognized rating service.

Purchase of securities authorized by this subdivision may not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the City's surplus money that may be invested pursuant to this Section.

- H. Federal Agency or United States government-sponsored enterprise obligations, participations, or other instruments, including those issued by or fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by federal agencies or United States government-sponsored enterprises. There are no limits on the dollar amount or percentage that the City may invest in government-sponsored enterprises.

For all other recommended investment of Funds by the City Treasurer and the City Manager, the City Council shall adopt the individual authorized instrument by resolution at a regular public meeting thereof.

VIII. PROHIBITED INVESTMENTS AND TRANSACTIONS

- A. The City shall not invest any Funds in inverse floaters, range notes, or interest-only strips that are derived from a pool of mortgages or reverse purchase agreements.
- B. The City shall not purchase or sell securities on margin.
- C. The City shall not invest any Funds in any security that could result in zero interest accrual if held to maturity date.

IX. ALLOCATION OF INTEREST EARNINGS

When a single investment is made from a single Fund, interest on that investment is to be credited to that source Fund. When an investment represents multiple Funds, the interest shall be distributed based on the proportionate share of each Fund included in the aggregate investment.

When investments result in interest paid for a period greater than one (1) month, the interest shall be distributed proportionately based on the average of the monthly beginning balances of each involved Fund.

X. DIVERSIFICATION

The investment portfolio will be diversified to avoid incurring unreasonable and avoidable risks regarding specific security types or individual financial institutions. In a diversified portfolio it is recognized that occasional measured losses are inevitable, and must be considered within the context of the overall portfolio's investment return, provided that adequate diversification has been implemented.

XI. PUBLIC TRUST

All participants in the investment process shall act as custodians of the public trust. Investment officials shall recognize the investment portfolio is subject to public review, scrutiny and evaluation. The overall program shall be designed and managed with a degree of professionalism that is worthy of the highest ideals of the public trust.

XII. ETHICS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The City Treasurer and other employees or elected officials 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 their ability to make impartial investment decisions. The City Treasurer and investment employees and elected officials shall disclose any material interests in financial institutions with which they conduct business. They shall further disclose any personal financial/investment positions that could be related to the performance of the investment portfolio and shall refrain from undertaking personal investment transactions with the same individual with whom business is conducted on behalf of their entity.

During the course of the year, if there is an event subject to disclosure that could impair the ability of the City Treasurer or investment employees to make impartial decisions, the City Council shall be notified in writing within ten (10) days of the event.

XIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The Finance Manager shall submit a quarterly investment report to the City Council. This report will include the following elements:

- A. Type of each investment.
- B. Financial institution.
- C. Date of Maturity.
- D. Amount of deposit or cost of security.
- E. Current market value of securities.
- F. Rate of Interest
- G. Weighted average maturity of the investments.

XIV. INTERNAL CONTROLS

The City Manager shall ensure the development of a system of internal investment controls and a segregation of duties and responsibilities of investment functions in order to assure an adequate system of internal control over the investment function. This segregation of duties will take into account the authorized staffing levels of the City. Internal control procedures shall address wire controls, separation of duties, delivery of securities to a third party for custodial safekeeping, and written procedures for placing investment transactions.

XV. GENERAL FUND RESERVE CONTINGENCY

The City Manager shall set aside Funds designated as *General Fund Reserve Contingency (GFRC)* to protect the City from unexpected financial expenses and to absorb the impact of deficiencies in cash flow not anticipated at the time the fiscal year budget was adopted.

The General Fund Reserves of the City shall include \$250,000.00 (two hundred fifty thousand dollars) designated as *GFRC – Emergency Component*. Further, the City will make every effort to maintain a *GFRC*, cash flow component, in an amount not less than fifty percent (50%) of the adopted annual General Fund budget. The amounts of the *GFRCs* will be reviewed annually prior to adoption of the General Fund budget. City Council approval shall be required for any expenditure that would decrease the amount of the *GFRC* below the level established at the time of budget adoption.

XVI. POLICY REVIEW

The Investment Policy shall be reviewed at least annually by the City Treasurer and the City Council to ensure its consistency with the overall objectives of preservation of principal, liquidity, and return on investments, along with its relevance to current law, financial and economic trends, and meets the needs of the City.

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21 April 2015
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