



### AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Agenda Item:	Agreements Related to 2021A and 2021B Water Refunding Resolution																	
Presenter & Title:	Rita Kruse, Finance Director																	
Date:	August 16, 2021																	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City Council Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>	Special City Council Meeting															
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Associated Strategic Plan Goal/Objective: SG-I																		
Estimated Cost: \$195,000	Budgeted?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Other Funding? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No															
If "Other Funding," please explain how the item will be funded: Bond Refunding Proceeds																		
<b>Executive Summary:</b>																		
<p>City Staff was approached by Robert W. Baird &amp; Co. Incorporated about a refunding opportunity for the 2012B Refunding bonds (Water/Sewer Fund). Due to the low interest rate market, there is an opportunity to refund three IEPA Sewer loans (Series 2007, 2008-1 and 2008).</p> <p>This refunding opportunity, net of fees, has an approximate present value savings between \$653,000 and \$750,000 over the next nine years and will not extend the matures of the current debt. The refunding delivery date is scheduled for the end of November 2021.</p> <p>There are four participants in the bond refunding process. Moody's Investor Services has an application on file, therefore there is no exhibit. All costs will be paid from the proceeds of the refunding.</p>																		
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<b>Voting Requirements:</b>																		
<p><i>This motion requires a simple majority vote.</i></p> <p><i>The Mayor may vote on three occasions: (a) when the vote of the aldermen or trustees has resulted in a tie; (b) when one half of the aldermen or trustees elected have voted in favor of an ordinance, resolution, or motion even though there is no tie votes; or (c) when a vote greater than a majority of the corporate authorities is required by state statute or local ordinance to adopt an ordinance, resolution, or motion.</i></p>																		
<b>Recommendation / Suggested Action:</b> (how the item should be listed on agenda)																		
<p>Recommend Approval of Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute All Required Agreements Related to the General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Waterworks and Sewerage Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021A, General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Waterworks and Sewerage Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021B</p>																		

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-70**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ALL REQUIRED AGREEMENTS RELATED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS (WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2021A, GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS (WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2021B**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:**

**SECTION 1:** That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the City of Geneva, required agreements from Speer Financial Incorporated, Chapman & Cutler LLP, and Robert W. Baird & Co. related to the General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Waterworks and Sewerage Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021A, General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Waterworks and Sewerage Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021B, shown as shown as “Exhibit A-C” in the attached herewith.

**SECTION 2:** This Resolution shall become effective from and after its passage as in accordance with law.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Geneva, Kane County, Illinois, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

**AYES: \_\_ NAYS: \_\_ ABSENT: \_\_ ABSTAINING: \_\_ HOLDING OFFICE: \_\_**

Approved by me this 16th day of August, 2021.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

July 23, 2021

Exhibit A

Ms. Rita Kruse  
Finance Director  
City of Geneva  
22 South First Street  
Geneva, Illinois 60134

Re: City of Geneva, Kane County, Illinois  
Issuance of Approximately \$7,300,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Waterworks and Sewerage Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021A (the “Series 2021A Bonds”) to Refund the City’s Outstanding 2007, 2008, 2008-1 IEPA Loans and to Pay the Costs of Issuance of the Series 2021A Bonds and Issuance of Approximately \$4,455,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Waterworks and Sewerage Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021B (the “Series 2021B Bonds”, collectively, the “Bonds”) to Refund the City’s Outstanding General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Waterworks and Sewerage Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2012B and to Pay the Costs of Issuance of the Series 2021B Bonds

Dear Rita:

Speer Financial, Inc. (“Speer”) is pleased to provide this Engagement Letter to the City of Geneva, Kane County, Illinois (the “Client”) for our services as Municipal Advisor in connection with the issuance of the securities referenced above (the “Bonds”). The purpose of the issuance of the Bonds, briefly stated, is to provide for the refunding of the City’s outstanding 2007, 2008, 2008-1 IEPA Loans and General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Waterworks and Sewerage Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2012B and to pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds (the “Project”).

Speer is providing this Engagement Letter to you to memorialize the terms of our engagement (the “Engagement”) as your Municipal Advisor with respect to the Project. This Engagement Letter is required under current Federal securities law and serves to provide certain additional information to the Client, such as disclosures of services, fees, terms and termination, conflict of interest and any material disciplinary actions. The Client and Speer have previously entered into a Contract entitled Financial Services Agreement and dated June 20, 2014 (the “Existing Contract”). The purpose of this engagement Letter is to supplement and not amend any of the terms of the Existing Contract.

**Services.** Speer agrees to provide to the Client the municipal advisory services (the “Services”) set forth in the attached **Exhibit A**. Certain limitations to Speer’s Services are set forth in the attached **Exhibit B**. The Client, as an issuer of municipal securities, is also subject to certain other terms as it relates to the issuance of securities and Speer’s Engagement. These terms are detailed in the attached **Exhibit C**.

**Authorization.** It is Speer’s understanding that the Finance Director of the Client (the “Client Contact”) is authorized to receive this Engagement Letter and discuss with Speer the terms and disclosures of this Engagement Letter. Speer may also rely on the authority of such Client Contact when receiving direction from such Client Contact in the course of Speer providing its Services.

**Term and Termination.** Speer’s Engagement shall remain in effect until terminated by the Client or Speer upon at least thirty (30) days written notice to the other party. If the Client terminates the Engagement prior to the issuance of the Bonds, Speer expects to negotiate with the Client a mutually agreeable compensation for the Services provided by Speer prior to such termination.

**Compensation.** Speer's compensation for Services on the Bonds is set forth below.

Speer's compensation for Services with respect to issuance of the Bonds is set forth in the Existing Contract. As compensation for Speer's provision of the Services, Speer shall receive a fee based upon the par amount of the Bonds issued, calculated as follows:

Municipal Advisory Services:	\$10,000 plus 1/10 of 1% of the municipal securities issued in excess of \$1,000,000 for each series of bonds.
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This fee is the same regardless of the method of sale of the Bonds and is contingent on the sale of the Bonds.

This fee does not include the payment of Speer's out-of-pocket costs as further described in **Exhibit B**. See the attached **Exhibit D** for a description of the conflicts of interest in connection with each form of compensation.

**Representations of Client.** The factual representations contained in the documents which are prepared by Speer in the course of its Engagement, and the factual representations which may also be contained in any other documents that are furnished to Speer by the Client, are essential for and provide the basis for Speer's municipal advice. Accordingly, it is important for the Client to read and understand the documents Speer provides to the Client because the Client will be confirming the truth, accuracy and completeness of matters contained in those documents. Speer's Engagement does not include the verification of the truth or accuracy of such factual representations, as further described in the attached **Exhibit C**.

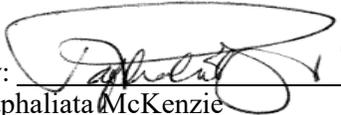
**Required Disclosures.** Speer is registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB"). MSRB Rule G-42 requires that Speer provide the Client with disclosures of material conflicts of interest and information regarding certain legal events and disciplinary history. MSRB Rule G-10 requires that Speer provide certain disclosures related to the MSRB's webpage and the availability of a municipal advisory client brochure. Such disclosures are provided in the attached **Exhibit D**. Should the Client have any questions or concerns with these disclosures, the Client should promptly contact Speer.

**Risk Disclosure.** Each form of financing has particular financial characteristics and inherent risks. Provided in the attached **Exhibit E** is a general description of the most commonly used security structures of fixed rate municipal bonds in Illinois as well disclosures on the risks of each structure known to Speer at this time. Should the Client have any questions or concerns with this disclosure, the Client should promptly contact Speer.

We sincerely appreciate this opportunity to be of service, and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

SPEER FINANCIAL, INC.

By:   
Raphaliata McKenzie  
Its: Sr. Vice President

Telephone: (312) 780-2285  
Email: [rmckenzie@speerfinancial.com](mailto:rmckenzie@speerfinancial.com)

## EXHIBIT A

### SPEER FINANCIAL, INC. MUNICIPAL ADVISOR SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF GENEVA, KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

#### **Financial Planning Services**

1. *Orientation*: Reviewing the Client's current financial position, statutory authority, and financing capabilities, including whether a refunding or defeasance of any outstanding debt is appropriate.
2. *Coordination*: Coordinating financial planning and issuance details with the Client's staff, bond counsel, paying agents, rating agencies and other transaction participants.
3. *Consultation*: Consulting with the elected and key appointed officials and staff regarding the various phases of the development and implementation of a financing plan, as requested.
4. *Planning*: Developing a debt financing plan that includes all or some of the following:
  - a. Maturity Schedules - Provide preliminary maturity schedules relating to the financing.
  - b. Financing Timeline - A tentative financing timeline to guide officials regarding the timing of various aspects of the financing plan.
  - c. Financing Distribution List – Prepare a listing of the individuals and firms that will serve on the transaction.

#### **Competitive Sale Services**

1. *Authorizing Resolutions/Ordinances* - Assist the Client's attorney and/or bond counsel with regard to the financial provisions to be included within the Client's authorizing resolutions/ordinances relative to the securities issuance.
2. *Credit Rating and/or Insurance* - When applying for a credit rating and/or bond insurance, Speer will submit the necessary data and documents to the selected rating agency(ies) and/or insurance company(ies).
3. *Disclosure Document, Notice of Sale and Bid Form*:
  - a. Preparation of Documents - Prepare a preliminary Official Statement, Term Sheet, Statement of Facts or Limited Offering Memorandum (each a "Disclosure Document"), Notice of Sale and Bid Form, if not being otherwise prepared by another party involved with the transaction. Following the award of the securities, Speer shall prepare the final Disclosure Document corresponding to the Project or Bonds, if not otherwise being prepared by another party involved with the transaction.
  - b. Notice of Sale Publication - Prepare, as necessary, and disseminate a Notice of Sale.

- c. Encouragement to Bidders - Circulate the preliminary Disclosure Document by posting the document to [www.speerfinancial.com](http://www.speerfinancial.com), as well as notifying applicable municipal bond industry publications of the pending sale and posting the Disclosure Document and bidding details to a competitive bid platform, such as [www.speeracution.com](http://www.speeracution.com). Provide copies of the preliminary Disclosure Document and Official Bid Forms, as applicable, for each sale to the Client for distribution to local banks and elected officials.
  - d. Bid Opening, Analysis and Recommendations - Conduct each sale, examine the bids submitted for completeness and compliance with the applicable bidding requirements, evaluate the bids for accuracy, and recommend a proposed course of action relative thereto.
4. *Preparation For Delivery of Securities* - Conduct all necessary undertakings in order to complete the financing, including the preparation and dissemination of a closing letter.
  5. *Debt Service Schedule* - Provide the Client with a final debt service schedule and other financial materials pertinent to the securities sale.

### **Negotiated Sale Services**

1. *Authorizing Resolutions/Ordinances* - Assist the Client's attorney and/or bond counsel with regard to the financial provisions to be included within the Client's authorizing resolutions/ordinances relative to the securities issuance.
2. *Credit Rating and/or Insurance* - When applying for a credit rating and/or bond insurance Speer will submit the necessary data and documents to the selected credit rating agency(ies) and/or insurance company(ies).
3. *Disclosure Document and Proposals:*
  - a. Preparation of Documents - Prepare or assist in the preparation of a preliminary Disclosure Document, if not being otherwise completed by another transaction participant. If requested by the Client, prepare a Request for Proposals (RFP) or Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for underwriting services, and, following the award of the securities, the final Disclosure Document, if not being otherwise prepared by another transaction participant.
  - b. Proposal Analysis and Recommendations - If requested by the Client, review and examine any proposals submitted for completeness and compliance with the applicable RFP/RFQ requirements, evaluate the proposals for accuracy, and recommend a proposed course of action relative to the proposals received.
4. *Negotiation of Terms* - Negotiate with the selected underwriter(s)/purchaser(s) relative to interest rates, terms and conditions of the securities issuance.
5. *Preparation For Delivery of Securities* - Conduct all necessary undertakings in order to complete the financing, including, the preparation, and dissemination of a closing letter.
6. *Debt Service Schedule* - Provide the Client with a final debt service schedule and other financial materials pertinent to the securities sale.

## Private Placement Services

1. *Authorizing Resolutions/Ordinances* - Assist the Client's attorney and/or bond counsel with regard to the financial provisions to be included within the Client's authorizing resolutions/ordinances relative to the securities issuance.
2. *Disclosure Document and Proposals*:
  - c. Preparation of Documents – Prepare or assist in the preparation of a preliminary Disclosure Document, if not being otherwise completed by another transaction participant. If requested by the Client, prepare a Request for Proposals (RFP) or Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for underwriting services, and, following the award of the securities, the final Disclosure Document, if not being otherwise prepared by another transaction participant.
  - d. Proposal Analysis and Recommendations - Review and examine any proposals submitted for completeness and compliance with the applicable RFP/RFQ requirements, evaluate the proposals for accuracy, and recommend a proposed course of action relative to the proposals received.
3. *Advise on Financing Terms* – Advise the client on the terms of the financing including the interest rate offered and the covenants required by the intended purchaser.
4. *Preparation For Delivery of Securities* - Conduct all necessary undertakings in order to complete the financing, including, the preparation, and dissemination of a closing letter.
5. *Debt Service Schedule* - Provide the Client with a final debt service schedule and other financial materials pertinent to the securities sale.

*With respect to all private placement Services, Speer will always serve as municipal advisor to the Client and as such will not specifically identify investors/purchasers in a securities offering or negotiate specific terms with the investor/purchaser of the Client's securities. Speer will not negotiate terms to directly place an issuance of securities with an investor. Any investors contacted or solicited will be identified by the Client and contacted on behalf of the Client.*

## EXHIBIT B

### LIMITATIONS TO SPEER'S MUNICIPAL ADVISOR SERVICES

Speer's duties as Municipal Advisor are limited to the Services detailed in **Exhibit A**. Among other things, Speer's Engagement does not include:

1. Giving any advice, opinion or representation as to the fiscal prudence or policy priority of issuing the securities or any other aspect of the securities transaction, including, without limitation, the undertaking of any project to be financed with the proceeds of the securities, as those are the Client's policy decisions.
2. Giving any opinion or advice on the legality of the securities or the tax status of the securities.
3. Preparing any of the following: requests for tax rulings from the Internal Revenue Service, blue sky or investment surveys with respect to the securities, state legislative amendments, or pursuing test cases or other litigation.
4. Undertaking rebate calculations for the securities or anything related to monitoring investments of securities proceeds or expenditure of securities proceeds, as that is a specialty service provided by others when appropriate.
5. Participating in the underwriting of the debt, as prohibited by Federal securities law.
6. Monitoring the actual use of proceeds, the timely expenditure of proceeds and the project completion status.
7. Verifying the accuracy of audited and unaudited financial statements.
8. Giving advice on the investment of securities proceeds.
9. Monitoring ongoing obligations and covenants entered into by the Client with respect to the securities, as these tasks are performed by the Client.
10. The Services do not include the payment by Speer of its "out of pocket" expenses, including but not limited to, the utilization of a bidding platform (*SpeerAuction* or *SpeerBids*), verification services as requested by the Client, mailing, overnight and messenger delivery and printing and copying costs.
11. Filing material events notices or otherwise assisting the Client with its continuing disclosure obligations, as such assistance is to be provided under a separate written agreement. Nothing in this Engagement Letter obligates Speer to provide, or the Client to pay for, any such continuing disclosure services.

## EXHIBIT C

### OTHER TERMS OF THE SPEER ENGAGEMENT

Please note the following with respect to the Client's role in connection with each issuance of securities.

1. It is important for the Client to read and understand the documents Speer provides to the Client because the Client will be confirming the truth, accuracy and completeness of matters contained in those documents at the issuance of the securities. If the documents contain incorrect or incomplete factual statements, the Client must call those to Speer's attention. Speer will not perform an independent investigation or verification to determine the accuracy, completeness or sufficiency of any such document or render any advice, view or comfort that the Disclosure Document or other disclosure document does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements contained therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. Any information in such documents does not constitute a review, audit or certified forecast of future events and any such financial information may not conform to accounting principles applicable to compilations of financial information. Any untruth, inaccuracy or incompleteness may have adverse consequences affecting either the tax exemption of interest paid on the securities or the adequacy of disclosures made in the Disclosure Document under State and Federal securities laws, with resulting potential liability for the Client. During the course of its Engagement, Speer will assume and rely on the Client to provide Speer with complete and timely information on all developments pertaining to any aspect of the securities and their security. Speer understands that the Client will cooperate with Speer in this regard.
2. To the extent that during the course of Speer's advising the Client a relevant matter comes to Speer's attention which appears to be contrary to what is contained in the transaction documents including any representations in the transaction documents or in the Disclosure Document, Speer may ask the Client about such apparent divergence of the facts; but to the extent that the facts and representations stated in the documents Speer provides to the Client, and are not corrected by the Client, Speer is then relying upon the Client's signed certifications for their truth, accuracy and completeness.
3. Issuing the securities as "securities" under State and Federal securities laws and on a tax-exempt basis is a serious undertaking. As the issuer of the securities, the Client is obligated under that State and Federal securities laws and the Federal tax laws to disclose all material facts. The Client has a duty to exercise "due diligence" in determining the accuracy and completeness of the information used in the Disclosure Document and the information upon which legal opinions related to the securities are based. The Client's lawyers, accountants and advisors can assist the Client in fulfilling these duties, but the Client in its corporate capacity, including the Client's knowledge, has the collective knowledge of the facts pertinent to the transaction and the ultimate responsibility for the presentation and disclosure of the relevant information.
4. Requirements of issuing debt include that the Client is current in its annual continuing disclosure obligations, including material events notices, and current in its arbitrage rebate obligations. These requirements are the obligation of the Client and not of Speer or bond counsel.

## EXHIBIT D

### REQUIRED DISCLOSURES

#### 1. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

##### A. Various Forms of Compensation

The Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB) requires us, as your municipal advisor, to provide written disclosure to you about the actual or potential conflicts of interest presented by various forms of compensation. We must provide this disclosure unless you have required that a particular form of compensation be used. You should select a form of compensation that best meets your needs and the agreed upon scope of services.

The forms of compensation for municipal advisors vary according to the nature of the engagement and requirements of the Client, among other factors. Various forms of compensation present actual or potential conflicts of interest because they may create an incentive for an advisor to recommend one course of action over another if it is more beneficial to the advisor to do so. This document discusses various forms of compensation and the timing of payments to the advisor.

**Fixed fee.** Under a fixed fee form of compensation, the municipal advisor is paid a fixed amount established at the outset of the transaction. The amount is usually based upon an analysis by the Client and the advisor of, among other things, the expected duration and complexity of the transaction and the agreed-upon scope of work that the advisor will perform. This form of compensation presents a potential conflict of interest because, if the transaction requires more work than originally contemplated, the advisor may suffer a loss. Thus, the advisor may recommend less time-consuming alternatives, or fail to do a thorough analysis of alternatives. There may be additional conflicts of interest if the municipal advisor's fee is contingent upon the successful completion of a financing, as described below.

**Hourly fee.** Under an hourly fee form of compensation, the municipal advisor is paid an amount equal to the number of hours worked by the advisor times an agreed-upon hourly billing rate. This form of compensation presents a potential conflict of interest if the Client and the advisor do not agree on a reasonable maximum amount at the outset of the engagement, because the advisor does not have a financial incentive to recommend alternatives that would result in fewer hours worked. In some cases, an hourly fee may be applied against a retainer (*e.g.*, a retainer payable monthly), in which case it is payable whether or not a financing closes. Alternatively, it may be contingent upon the successful completion of a financing, in which case there may be additional conflicts of interest, as described below.

**Fee contingent upon the completion of a financing or other transaction.** Under a contingent fee form of compensation, payment of an advisor's fee is dependent upon the successful completion of a financing or other transaction. Although this form of compensation may be customary for the Client, it presents a conflict because the advisor may have an incentive to recommend unnecessary financings or financings that are disadvantageous to the Client. For example, when facts or circumstances arise that could cause the financing or other transaction to be delayed or fail to close, an advisor may have an incentive to discourage a full consideration of such facts and circumstances, or to discourage consideration of alternatives that may result in the cancellation of the financing or other transaction.

**Fee paid under a retainer agreement.** Under a retainer agreement, fees are paid to a municipal advisor periodically (*e.g.*, monthly) and are not contingent upon the completion of a financing or other transaction. Fees paid under a retainer agreement may be calculated on a fixed fee basis (*e.g.*, a fixed fee per month regardless of the number of hours worked) or an hourly basis (*e.g.*, a minimum monthly payment, with additional amounts payable if a certain number of hours worked is exceeded). A retainer agreement does not present the conflicts associated with a contingent fee arrangement (described above).

**Fee based upon principal or notional amount and term of transaction.** Under this form of compensation, the municipal advisor's fee is based upon a percentage of the principal amount of an issue of securities (*e.g.*, bonds) or,

in the case of a derivative, the present value of or notional amount and term of the derivative. This form of compensation presents a conflict of interest because the advisor may have an incentive to advise the Client to increase the size of the securities issue or modify the derivative for the purpose of increasing the advisor's compensation.

### **B. Other Material Conflicts of Interest**

The MSRB requires us, as your municipal advisor, to provide written disclosure to you about material conflicts of interest. The following represent Speer material conflicts of interest known to Speer as of the date of this Engagement Letter.

As of the date of this Engagement, Speer is unaware of any material conflicts of interest.

## **2. DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL EVENTS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

The MSRB requires us, as your municipal advisor, to provide written disclosure to you of any legal or disciplinary events material to your evaluation of Speer or the integrity of Speer's management or advisory personnel.

**Material Legal or Disciplinary Event.** There are no legal or disciplinary events that are material to the Client's evaluation of Speer or the integrity of Speer's management or advisory personnel disclosed, or that should be disclosed, on any Form MA or Form MA-I filed with the SEC.

**How to Access Form MA and Form MA-I Filings.** Speer's most recent form MA and each most recent Form MA-I filed with the SEC are available on the SEC's EDGAR system at:

<http://www.sec.gov/cgi-bin/browse-edgar?action=getcompany&CIK=0001606944>

**Most Recent Change in Legal or Disciplinary Event Disclosure.** Speer has not made any material legal or disciplinary event disclosures on Form MA or any Form MA-I filed with the SEC.

## **3. FUTURE DISCLOSURES**

As required by MSRB Rule G-42, the Required Disclosures found in this Exhibit D may be supplemented or amended, from time to time as needed, to reflect changed circumstances resulting in new conflicts of interest or changes in conflicts of interest described above, or to provide updated information with regard to any legal or disciplinary events of Speer. Speer will provide the Client with any such supplemental or amended information as it becomes available through the term of the Municipal Advisory Relationship.

## **4. G-10 DISCLOSURE**

The Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's (MSRB) webpage address is: [www.msrb.org](http://www.msrb.org)

Posted on the MSRB's webpage is a municipal advisory client brochure that describes the protections that may be provided by the MSRB rules and how to file a complaint with an appropriate regulatory authority.

## EXHIBIT E

### FINANCIAL CHARACTERISTICS AND RISKS OF MUNICIPAL BONDS IN ILLINOIS

The following is a general description of the financial characteristics, security structures and risks of municipal fixed rate bonds ("Municipal Bonds") issued in Illinois. The risks being disclosed in this Exhibit E are those that are known to Speer at this time and should be considered by the Client prior to deciding whether to issue Municipal Bonds. If you have any questions or concerns about any disclosure made, please notify Speer immediately.

#### **Financial Characteristics**

***Maturity and Interest.*** Municipal Bonds are interest-bearing debt securities issued by state and local governments, political subdivisions and agencies and authorities. Maturity dates for Municipal Bonds are fixed at the time of issuance and may include serial maturities (specified principal amounts are payable on the same date in each year until final maturity) or one or more term maturities (specified principal amounts are payable on each term maturity date) or a combination of serial and term maturities. The final maturity date typically will range between 10 and 30 years from the date of issuance. Interest on the Municipal Bonds typically is paid semiannually at a stated fixed rate or rates for each maturity date.

***Redemption.*** Municipal Bonds may be subject to optional redemption, which allows you, at your option, to redeem some or all of the bonds on a date prior to scheduled maturity, such as in connection with the issuance of refunding bonds to take advantage of lower interest rates. Municipal Bonds will be subject to optional redemption only after the passage of a specified period of time, often approximately ten years from the date of issuance, and upon payment of the redemption price set forth in the bonds, which may include a redemption premium. You will be required to send out a notice of optional redemption to the holders of the bonds, usually not less than 30 days prior to the redemption date. Municipal Bonds with term maturity dates also may be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption, which requires you to redeem specified principal amounts of the bonds annually in advance of the term maturity date. The mandatory sinking fund redemption price is 100% of the principal amount of the bonds to be redeemed.

#### **Security**

Payment of principal of and interest on a municipal security, including Municipal Bonds, may be backed by various types of pledges and forms of security, some of which are described below. The description below regarding "Security" is only a brief summary of certain possible security provisions for the bonds and is not intended as legal advice. You should consult with your bond counsel for further information regarding the security for the bonds.

***General Obligation Bonds.*** "General obligation bonds" are debt securities to which your full faith and credit is pledged to pay principal and interest. If you have taxing power, generally you will pledge to use your ad valorem (property) taxing power to pay principal and interest. All taxable property in the taxing body is subject to the levy of taxes to pay the same without limitation as to rate or amount. The term "limited" tax is used when a limit exists as to the amount of the tax (see below). General obligation bonds constitute a debt and, depending on applicable state law, may require that you obtain approval by voters prior to issuance. In the event of default in required payments of interest or principal, the holders of general obligation bonds have certain rights under state law to compel you to impose a tax levy.

**Limited Bonds.** Taxing bodies, subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law of the State of Illinois, as amended (the "*Extension Limitation Law*"), can issue limited bonds. Limited bonds are issued in lieu of general obligation bonds that otherwise have been authorized by applicable law. They are payable from a separate property tax levy that is unlimited as to rate, but the amount of taxes that will be extended to pay the bonds is limited by the Extension Limitation Law. Limited bonds are payable from your debt service extension base (*the "Base"*), which is an amount equal to that portion of the extension for the applicable levy year for the payment of non-referendum bonds (other than alternate bonds or refunding bonds issued to refund bonds initially issued pursuant to referendum), increased each year, beginning with the 2009 levy year, by the lesser of 5% or the percentage in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (as defined in the Extension Limitation Law) during the 12-month calendar year preceding the levy year. The Limitation Law further provides that the annual amount of taxes to be extended to pay the limited bonds and all other limited bonds heretofore and hereafter issued by you shall not exceed the Base less the amount extended to pay certain other non-referendum bonds heretofore and hereafter issued by you and bonds issued to refund such bonds.

Limited bonds constitute a debt. In the event of default in required payments of interest or principal, the holders of limited bonds have certain rights under state law to compel you to impose a tax levy (limited as set forth in the previous paragraph).

**Alternate Bonds.** Section 15 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended (the "*Debt Reform Act*"), permits you to issue alternate or "double-barrelled" bonds. Alternate bonds are general obligation bonds payable from enterprise revenues or from a revenue source, or both, with your general obligation acting as backup security for the bonds. Once issued, and until paid or defeased, alternate bonds are a general obligation, for the payment of which you pledge your full faith and credit. Such bonds are payable from the levy of ad valorem property taxes upon all taxable property in your taxing body without limitation as to rate or amount. The intent of the Debt Reform Act is for the enterprise revenues or the revenue source to be sufficient to pay the debt service on the alternate bonds so that taxes need not be levied, or, if levied, need not be extended, for such payment.

The Debt Reform Act prescribes several conditions that must be met before alternate bonds may be issued. First, alternate bonds must be issued for a lawful corporate purpose. If issued in lieu of revenue bonds (as described below), then the revenue bonds must have been authorized under applicable law (including satisfying any backdoor referendum requirements) and the alternate bonds must be issued for the purpose for which the revenue bonds were authorized. If issued payable from a revenue source limited in its purposes or applications, then the alternate bonds must be issued only for such limited purposes or applications.

Second, alternate bonds are subject to a backdoor referendum. The issuance of alternate bonds must be submitted to referendum if, within 30 days after publication of the authorizing ordinance and notice of intent to issue the alternate bonds, a petition is filed. The petition must be signed by the greater of (i) 7.5% of your registered voters or (ii) the lesser of 200 of the registered voters or 15% of the registered voters, asking that the issuance of the alternate bonds be submitted to referendum. Backdoor referendum proceedings for revenue bonds and for alternate bonds to be issued in lieu of revenue bonds may be conducted at the same time.

Notwithstanding the previous paragraph, in governmental units with fewer than 500,000 inhabitants that propose to issue alternate bonds payable solely from enterprise revenues, except for alternate bonds that finance or refinance projects concerning public utilities, public streets and roads or public safety facilities and related infrastructure and equipment, if no petition is filed within 45 days of publication of the authorizing ordinance and notice, the alternate bonds may be issued. For purposes of this paragraph, the required number of petitioners for a governmental unit with more than 4,000 registered voters is the

lesser of (i) 5% of the registered voters or (ii) 5,000 registered voters and the required number of petitioners for a governmental unit with 4,000 or fewer registered voters is the lesser of (i) 15% of the registered voters or (ii) 200 registered voters.

Third, you must demonstrate that the enterprise revenues are, or that the revenue source is, sufficient to meet the requirements of the Debt Reform Act. If enterprise revenues are pledged as security for the alternate bonds, you must demonstrate that such revenues are sufficient in each year to pay all of the following:

- (a) costs of operation and maintenance of the utility or enterprise, excluding depreciation;
- (b) debt service on all outstanding revenue bonds payable from such enterprise revenues;
- (c) all amounts required to meet any fund or account requirements with respect to such outstanding revenue bonds;
- (d) other contractual or tort liability obligations, if any, payable from such enterprise revenues; and
- (e) in each year, an amount not less than 1.25 times debt service on all:
  - (i) outstanding alternate bonds payable from such enterprise revenues; and
  - (ii) the alternate bonds proposed to be issued.

If one or more revenue sources are pledged as security for the alternate bonds, you must demonstrate that such revenue sources are sufficient in each year to provide not less than 1.25 times (1.10 times if the revenue source is a government revenue source) debt service on all outstanding alternate bonds payable from such revenue source and on the alternate bonds proposed to be issued. You need not meet the test described in this paragraph for the amount of debt service set aside at closing from bond proceeds or other moneys.

The determination of the sufficiency of enterprise revenues or revenue source or sources, as applicable, must be supported by reference to the most recent audit of the governmental unit, which must be for a fiscal year ending on a date that is not more than 18 months prior to the date of issuance of the alternate bonds. If such audit does not adequately show such enterprise revenues or revenue source, as applicable, or if such enterprise revenues or revenue source, as applicable, are shown to be insufficient, then the determination of sufficiency must be supported by the report of an independent accountant or feasibility analyst, the latter having a national reputation for expertise in such matters, who is not otherwise involved in the project being financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the alternate bonds, demonstrating the sufficiency of such revenues and explaining, if appropriate, by what means the revenues will be greater than as shown in the audit.

Alternate bonds may be issued to refund alternate bonds without meeting any of the conditions set forth above if the term of the refunding bonds is not longer than the term of the refunded bonds and that the debt service payable in any year on the refunding bonds does not exceed the debt service payable in such year on the refunded bonds.

Alternate bonds are not regarded or included in any computation of indebtedness for the purpose of any statutory provision or limitation unless taxes, other than a designated revenue source, are extended to pay the bonds. In the event taxes are extended, the amount of alternate bonds then outstanding counts against

your debt limit until your audit shows that the alternate bonds have been paid from the pledged enterprise revenues or revenue source for a complete fiscal year.

In the event of default in required payments of interest or principal, the holders of alternate bonds have certain rights under state law to compel you to increase the pledged revenues or have the tax levy extended for such payment.

***Debt Certificates.*** You may issue "debt certificates" to evidence your payment obligation under an installment contract or lease. Your governing body may provide for the treasurer, comptroller, finance officer or other officer of the governing body charged with financial administration to act as counterparty to the installment contract or lease, as nominee-seller or lessor. The installment contract or lease is then executed by your authorized officer and is filed with and executed by the nominee-seller or lessor. As contracts for the acquisition and construction of the project to be financed are executed (the "Work Contracts"), the governing body orders those Work Contracts to be filed with the nominee-seller or lessor. The nominee-seller or lessor identifies the Work Contracts to the particular installment contract or lease. Such identification permits the payment of the Work Contracts from the proceeds of the debt certificates.

Debt certificates are paid from your lawfully available funds. You are expected to agree to annually budget/appropriate amounts to pay the principal of and interest on the debt certificates. There is no separate levy available for the purpose of making such payments.

Debt certificates constitute a debt. In the event of default in required payments of interest or principal, the holders of the debt certificates cannot compel you to impose a tax levy, but you have promised the holders of the debt certificates that you will pay the debt certificates and they can proceed to file suit to enforce such promise.

***Special Service Area Bonds.*** When special services are provided to a particular contiguous area within a municipality, in addition to the services generally provided throughout the municipality, a municipality may create a special service area. The cost of the special services may be paid from taxes levied upon the taxable real property within the area, and such taxes may be levied in the special service area at a rate or amount sufficient to produce revenues required to provide the special services.

Prior to the first levy of taxes in the special service area and prior to or within 60 days after the adoption of the ordinance proposing the establishment of the special service area, you are required to hold a public hearing and to publish and mail notice of such hearing. At the public hearing, any interested person may file written objections or give oral statements with respect to the establishment of the special service area and the levy of taxes therein. As a result of the hearing, you may delete areas from the special service area as long as the remaining area is contiguous. After the hearing, an ordinance establishing the special service area must be timely filed with the county recorder and the county clerk.

Bonds secured by the full faith and credit of the special service area territory may be issued for the purpose of providing special services. Such bonds are paid from the levy of taxes unlimited as to rate or amount against the taxable real property in the special service area. The county clerk will annually extend taxes against all of the taxable real property in the area in amounts sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds. Such bonds are exempt from the Extension Limitation Law of the State of Illinois, as amended.

Prior to the issuance of special service area bonds, you must give published and mailed notice and hold a hearing at which any interested person may file written objections, or be heard orally, with respect to the issuance of the bonds. The questions of the creation of the special service area, the levy of a tax on such area and the issuance of special service area bonds may all be considered at the same hearing.

The creation of the special service area, the levy of a tax within the area and the issuance of bonds for the provision of special services to the area are subject to a petition process. If, within 60 days after the public hearing, a petition signed by not less than 51% of the electors residing within the special service area and 51% of the owners of record of land located within the special service area is filed with the municipal clerk objecting to the creation of the special service area, the levy of a tax or the issuance of bonds, then the area may not be created, the tax may not be levied and the bonds may not be issued. If such a petition is filed, the subject matter of the petition may not be proposed relative to any of the signatories within the next two years.

Special service area bonds do not constitute an indebtedness of the municipality, and no exercise of your taxing power may be compelled on behalf of the special service area bondholders other than the ad valorem property taxes to be extended on the taxable real property in the special service area.

**Revenue Bonds.** "Revenue bonds" are debt securities that are payable only from a specific source or sources of revenues. Revenue bonds are not a pledge of your full faith and credit and you are obligated to pay principal and interest on your revenue bonds only from the revenue source(s) specifically pledged to the bonds. Revenue bonds do not permit the bondholders to compel you to impose a tax levy for payment of debt service. Pledged revenues may be derived from operation of the financed project or system, grants or excise or other specified taxes. Generally, subject to state law or local charter requirements, you are not required to obtain voter approval prior to issuance of revenue bonds. Revenue bonds may, however, be subject to a backdoor referendum. If the specified source(s) of revenue become inadequate, a default in payment of principal or interest may occur. Various types of pledges of revenue may be used to secure interest and principal payments on revenue bonds. The nature of these pledges may differ widely based on state law, the type of issuer, the type of revenue stream and other factors.

Some revenue bonds, referred to as conduit revenue bonds, may be issued by a governmental issuer acting as conduit for the benefit of a private sector entity or a 501(c)(3) organization (the obligor). Conduit revenue bonds commonly are issued for not-for-profit hospitals, educational institutions, single and multi-family housing, airports, industrial or economic development projects, and student loan programs, among other obligors. Principal and interest on conduit revenue bonds normally are paid exclusively from revenues pledged by the obligor.

Unless otherwise specified under the terms of the bonds, you are not required to make payments of principal or interest if the obligor defaults.

**Tax Increment Financing.** Tax increment financing provides a means for municipalities, after the approval of a "redevelopment plan and project," to redevelop blighted, conservation or industrial park conservation areas. The Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, allows incremental property taxes to be used to pay certain redevelopment project costs and to pay debt service with respect to tax increment bonds issued to pay redevelopment project costs. The municipality is authorized to issue tax increment bonds payable from, and secured by, incremental property tax revenues expected to be generated in the redevelopment project area. Incremental property tax revenues are derived from the increase in the current equalized assessed valuation of the real property

within the redevelopment project area over and above the certified initial equalized assessed valuation for such redevelopment project area.

Before adopting the necessary ordinances to designate a redevelopment project area, a municipality must hold a public hearing and convene a joint review board to consider the proposal. At the public hearing, any interested person or taxing district may file written objections and may give oral statements with respect to the proposed financing. After the municipality has considered all comments made by the public and the joint review board, it may adopt the necessary ordinances to designate a redevelopment project area.

Tax increment bonds may be secured by the full faith and credit of the municipality. The issuance of general obligation tax increment bonds is subject to a "backdoor," rather than a direct, referendum. Once a municipality has authorized the issuance of tax increment obligations secured by its full faith and credit, the ordinance authorizing the issuance must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality. In response, voters may petition to request that the question of issuing obligations using the full faith and credit of the municipality as security to pay for redevelopment project costs be submitted to the electors of the municipality. If, within 30 days after the publication, 10% of the registered voters of the municipality sign such a petition, the question of whether to issue tax increment bonds secured by the municipality's full faith and credit must be approved by the voters pursuant to referendum. Such bonds are not exempt from the Extension Limitation Law unless first approved at referendum.

Tax increment revenues may also be treated as a "revenue source" and be pledged to the payment of alternate bonds under Section 15 of the Debt Reform Act.

### **Risk Considerations**

Certain risks may arise in connection with your issuance of Municipal Bonds, including some or all of the following (generally, the obligor, rather than you, will bear these risks for conduit revenue bonds):

***Issuer Default Risk.*** You may be in default if the funds pledged to secure your bonds are not sufficient to pay debt service on the bonds when due. The consequences of a default may be serious for you and, depending on applicable state law and the terms of the authorizing documents, the holders of the bonds, the trustee and any credit support provider may be able to exercise a range of available remedies against you. For example, if the bonds are secured by a general obligation pledge, you may be ordered by a court to raise taxes. Other budgetary adjustments also may be necessary to enable you to provide sufficient funds to pay debt service on the bonds. If the bonds are revenue bonds or alternate bonds, you may be required to take steps to increase the available revenues that are pledged as security for the bonds. A default may negatively impact your credit ratings and may effectively limit your ability to publicly offer bonds or other securities at market interest rate levels. Further, if you are unable to provide sufficient funds to remedy the default, subject to applicable state law and the terms of the authorizing documents, you may find it necessary to consider available alternatives under state law, including (for some issuers) state-mandated receivership or bankruptcy. A default also may occur if you are unable to comply with covenants or other provisions agreed to in connection with the issuance of the bonds.

This description is only a brief summary of issues relating to defaults and is not intended as legal advice. You should consult with your bond counsel for further information regarding defaults and remedies.

**Redemption Risk.** Your ability to redeem the bonds prior to maturity may be limited, depending on the terms of any optional redemption provisions. In the event that interest rates decline, you may be unable to take advantage of the lower interest rates to reduce debt service.

**Refinancing Risk.** If your financing plan contemplates refinancing some or all of the bonds at maturity (for example, if you have term maturities or if you choose a shorter final maturity than might otherwise be permitted under the applicable federal tax rules), market conditions or changes in law may limit or prevent you from refinancing those bonds when required. Further, limitations in the federal tax rules on advance refunding of bonds (an advance refunding of bonds occurs when tax-exempt bonds are refunded more than 90 days prior to the date on which those bonds may be retired) may restrict your ability to refund the bonds to take advantage of lower interest rates.

**Reinvestment Risk.** You may have proceeds of the bonds to invest prior to the time that you are able to spend those proceeds for the authorized purpose. Depending on market conditions, you may not be able to invest those proceeds at or near the rate of interest that you are paying on the bonds, which is referred to as "negative arbitrage."

**Tax Compliance Risk.** The issuance of tax-exempt bonds is subject to a number of requirements under the United States Internal Revenue Code, as enforced by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). You must take certain steps and make certain representations prior to the issuance of tax-exempt bonds. You also must covenant to take certain additional actions after issuance of the tax-exempt bonds. A breach of your representations or your failure to comply with certain tax-related covenants may cause the interest on the bonds to become taxable retroactively to the date of issuance of the bonds, which may result in an increase in the interest rate that you pay on the bonds or the mandatory redemption of the bonds. The IRS also may audit you or your bonds, in some cases on a random basis and in other cases targeted to specific types of bond issues or tax concerns. If the bonds are declared taxable, or if you are subject to audit, the market price of your bonds may be adversely affected. Further, your ability to issue other tax-exempt bonds also may be limited.

This description of tax compliance risks is not intended as legal advice and you should consult with your bond counsel regarding tax implications of issuing the bonds.

## Exhibit B

July 26, 2021

Ms. Rita Kruse  
Finance Director  
City of Geneva  
22 South First Street  
Geneva, Illinois 60134

Re: City of Geneva, Kane County, Illinois (the “City”)  
\$7,300,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source)  
\$4,500,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source)

Dear Rita:

We are pleased to provide an engagement letter for our services as bond counsel for the bonds in reference (the “*Bonds*”). For convenience and clarity, we may refer to the City in its corporate capacity and to you, the City officers (including the governing body of the City) and employees and general and special counsel to the City, collectively as “*you*” (or the possessive “*your*”). You have advised us that the purpose of the issuance of the Bonds, briefly stated, is to refund certain outstanding IEPA loans (the “*IEPA Loans*”) and outstanding alternate revenue bonds of the City (the “*Alternate Bonds*”). You are retaining us for the limited purpose of rendering our customary approving legal opinion as described in detail below.

#### A. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

As Bond Counsel, we will work with you and the following persons and firms: the underwriters or other bond purchasers who purchase the Bonds from the City (all of whom are referred to as the “*Bond Purchasers*”), counsel for the Bond Purchasers, financial advisors, trustee, paying agent and bond registrar and their designated counsel (you and all of the foregoing persons or firms, collectively, the “*Participants*”). We intend to undertake each of the following (the “*Services*”) as necessary:

1. Review relevant Illinois law, including pending legislation and other recent developments, relating to the legal status and powers of the City or otherwise relating to the issuance of the Bonds.
2. Obtain information about the Bond transaction and the nature and use of the facilities or purposes to be financed or, for any portion of the Bonds to be issued for refunding

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purposes, the facilities or purposes financed with the proceeds of the bonds to be refunded (the “*Project*”).

3. Review the proposed timetable and consult with the Participants as to the issuance of the Bonds in accordance with the timetable.

4. Consider the issues arising under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and applicable tax regulations and other sources of law relating to the issuance of the Bonds on a tax-exempt basis; these issues include, without limitation, ownership and use of the Project, use and investment of Bond proceeds prior to expenditure and security provisions or credit enhancement relating to the Bonds.

5. Prepare or review major Bond documents, including tax compliance certificates, review the bond purchase agreement, if applicable, and, at your request, draft descriptions of the documents which we have drafted. We understand that the Bond Purchasers have undertaken to independently perform their due diligence investigation with respect to the Bonds. As Bond Counsel, we assist you in reviewing only those portions of an official statement or any other disclosure document to be disseminated in connection with the sale of the Bonds involving the description of the Bonds, the security for the Bonds (excluding forecasts, projections, estimates or any other financial or economic information in connection therewith), the description of the federal tax exemption of interest on the Bonds and, if applicable, the “bank-qualified” status of the Bonds.

6. Prepare or review all pertinent proceedings to be considered by the governing body of the City; confirm that the necessary quorum, meeting and notice requirements are contained in the proceedings and draft pertinent excerpts of minutes of the meetings relating to the financing.

7. Attend or host such drafting sessions and other conferences as may be necessary, including a preclosing, if needed, and closing; and prepare and coordinate the distribution and execution of closing documents and certificates, opinions and document transcripts.

8. Render our legal opinions regarding the validity of each series of the Bonds, the source of payment for each series of the Bonds and the federal income tax treatment of interest on each series of the Bonds, which opinions (together, the “*Bond Opinion*”) will be delivered in written form on the date the Bonds are exchanged for their purchase price (the “*Closing*”). The Bond Opinion will be based on facts and law existing as of its date. Please see the discussion below at Part D. Please note that our opinion represents our legal judgment based upon our review of the law and the facts so supplied to us that we deem relevant and is not a guarantee of a result.

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B. LIMITATIONS; SERVICES WE DO NOT PROVIDE

Our Services as Bond Counsel are limited as stated above. Consequently, unless otherwise agreed pursuant to a separate engagement letter, our Services *do not* include:

1. Giving any advice, opinion or representation as to the financial feasibility or the fiscal prudence of issuing the Bonds, including, without limitation, the undertaking of the Project, the investment of Bond proceeds, the making of any investigation of or the expression of any view as to the creditworthiness of the City, of the Project or of the Bonds or the form, content, adequacy or correctness of the financial statements of the City. We will not offer you financial advice in any capacity beyond that constituting services of a traditionally legal nature.

2. Except as described in Paragraph (A)(5) above, assisting in the preparation or review of an official statement or any other disclosure document with respect to the Bonds (which may be referred to as the “*Official Statement*”) or performing an independent investigation to determine the accuracy, completeness or sufficiency of the Official Statement or rendering any advice, view or comfort that the Official Statement does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements contained therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. Please see our comments below at Paragraphs (D)(5) and (D)(6).

3. Independently establishing the veracity of certifications and representations of you or the other Participants. For example, we will not review the data available on the Electronic Municipal Market Access system website created by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (and commonly known as “EMMA”) to verify the information relating to the Bonds to be provided by the Bond Purchasers, and we will not undertake a review of your website to establish that information contained corresponds to that which you provide independently in your certificates or other transaction documents.

4. Supervising any state, county or local filing of any proceedings held by the governing body of the City incidental to the Bonds.

5. Preparing any of the following — requests for tax rulings from the Internal Revenue Service (the “*IRS*”), blue sky or investment surveys with respect to the Bonds, state legislative amendments or pursuing test cases or other litigation.

6. Opining on securities laws compliance or as to the continuing disclosure undertaking pertaining to the Bonds; and, after the execution and delivery of the Bonds, providing advice as to any Securities and Exchange Commission investigations or concerning any actions necessary to assure compliance with any continuing disclosure undertaking.

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7. After Closing, providing continuing advice to the City or any other party concerning any actions necessary to assure that interest paid on the Bonds will continue to be tax-exempt; *e.g.*, we will not undertake rebate calculations for the Bonds without a separate engagement for that purpose, we will not monitor the investment, use or expenditure of Bond proceeds or the use of the Project, and we are not retained to respond to IRS audits.

8. Any other services not specifically set forth above in Part A.

### C. ATTORNEY-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP; REPRESENTATION OF OTHERS

Upon execution of this engagement letter, the City will be our client, and an attorney-client relationship will exist between us. However, our Services as Bond Counsel are limited as set forth in this engagement letter, and your execution of this engagement letter will constitute an acknowledgment of those limitations. Also please note that the attorney-client privilege, normally applicable under state law, may be diminished or non-existent for written advice delivered with respect to Federal tax law matters.

This engagement letter will also serve to give you express written notice that from time to time we represent in a variety of capacities and consult with most underwriters, investment bankers, credit enhancers such as bond insurers or issuers of letters of credit, ratings agencies, investment providers, brokers of financial products, financial advisors, banks and other financial institutions and other persons who participate in the public finance market on a wide range of issues. We may represent the Bond Purchasers in other matters not related to the Bond transaction. Prior to execution of this engagement letter we may have consulted with one or more of such firms regarding the Bonds including, specifically, the Bond Purchasers. We are advising you, and you understand that the City consents to our representation of it in this matter, notwithstanding such consultations, and even though parties whose interests are or may be adverse to the City in this transaction are clients in other unrelated matters. Your acceptance of our services constitutes consent to these other engagements. Neither our representation of the City nor such additional relationships or prior consultations will affect, however, our responsibility to render an objective Bond Opinion.

Your consent does not extend to any conflict that is not subject to waiver under applicable Rules of Professional Conduct (including Circular 230 discussed below), or to any matter that involves the assertion of a claim against the City or the defense of a claim asserted by the City. In addition, we agree that we will not use any confidential non-public information received from you in connection with this engagement to your material disadvantage in any matter in which we would be adverse to you.

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Circular 230 as promulgated by the U.S. Department of Treasury (“*Circular 230*”) provides rules of professional conduct governing tax practitioners. Circular 230 includes provisions regarding conflicts of interest and related consents that in some respects are stricter than applicable state rules of professional conduct which otherwise apply. In particular, Circular 230 requires your consent to conflicts of interest be given in writing within 30 days of the date of this letter. If we have not received all of the required written consents by this date, we may be required under Circular 230 to “promptly withdraw from representation” of the City in this matter.

Further, this engagement letter will also serve to give you express notice that we represent many other municipalities, school districts, park districts, counties, townships, special districts and units of local government both within and outside of the State of Illinois and also the State itself and various of its agencies and authorities (collectively, the “*governmental units*”). Most but not all of these representations involve bond or other borrowing transactions. We have assumed that there are no controversies pending to which the City is a party and is taking any position which is adverse to any other governmental unit, and you agree to advise us promptly if this assumption is incorrect. In such event, we will advise you if the other governmental unit is our client and, if so, determine what actions are appropriate. Such actions could include seeking waivers from both the City and such other governmental unit or withdrawal from representation.

We anticipate that the City will have its general or special counsel available as needed to provide advocacy in the Bond transaction and has had the opportunity to consult with such counsel concerning the conflict consents and other provisions of this letter; and that other Participants will retain such counsel as they deem necessary and appropriate to represent their interests.

D. OTHER TERMS OF THE ENGAGEMENT; CERTAIN OF YOUR UNDERTAKINGS

Please note our understanding with respect to this engagement and your role in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

1. In rendering the Bond Opinion and in performing any other Services hereunder, we will rely upon the certified proceedings and other certifications you and other persons furnish us. Other than as we may determine as appropriate to rendering the Bond Opinion, we are not engaged and will not provide services intended to verify the truth or accuracy of these proceedings or certifications. We do not ordinarily attend meetings of the governing body of the City at which proceedings related to the Bonds are discussed or passed unless special circumstances require our attendance.

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2. The factual representations contained in those documents which are prepared by us, and the factual representations which may also be contained in any other documents that are furnished to us by you are essential for and provide the basis for our conclusions that there is compliance with State law requirements for the issue and sale of valid bonds and with the Federal tax law for the tax exemption of interest paid on the Bonds. Accordingly, it is important for you to read and understand the documents we provide to you because you will be confirming the truth, accuracy and completeness of matters contained in those documents at the issuance of the Bonds.

3. If the documents contain incorrect or incomplete factual statements, you must call those to our attention. We are always happy to discuss the content or meaning of the transaction documents with you. Any untruth, inaccuracy or incompleteness may have adverse consequences affecting either the tax exemption of interest paid on the Bonds or the adequacy of disclosures made in the Official Statement under the State and Federal securities laws, with resulting potential liability for you. During the course of this engagement, we will further assume and rely on you to provide us with complete and timely information on all developments pertaining to any aspect of the Bonds and their security. We understand that you will cooperate with us in this regard.

4. You should carefully review all of the representations you are making in the transaction documents. We are available and encourage you to consult with us for explanations as to what is intended in these documents. To the extent that the facts and representations stated in the documents we provide to you appear reasonable to us, and are not corrected by you, we are then relying upon your signed certifications for their truth, accuracy and completeness.

5. Issuing the Bonds as “securities” under State and Federal securities laws and on a tax-exempt basis is a serious undertaking. As the issuer of the Bonds, the City is obligated under the State and Federal securities laws and the Federal tax laws to disclose all material facts. The City’s lawyers, financial advisers and bankers can assist the City in fulfilling these duties, but the City in its corporate capacity, including your knowledge, has the collective knowledge of the facts pertinent to the transaction and the ultimate responsibility for the presentation and disclosure of the relevant information. Further, there are complicated Federal tax rules applicable to tax-exempt bonds. The IRS has an active program to audit such transactions. The documents we prepare are designed so that the Bonds will comply with the applicable rules, but this means you must fully understand the documents, including the representations and the covenants relating to continuing compliance with the federal tax requirements. Accordingly, we want you to ask questions about anything in the documents that is unclear.

6. As noted, the members of the governing body of the City also have duties under the State and Federal securities and tax laws with respect to these matters and should be

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knowledgeable as to the underlying factual basis for the bond issue size, use of proceeds and related matters.

7. We are also concerned about the adoption by the City of the gift ban provisions of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, any special ethics or gift ban ordinance, resolution, bylaw or code provision, any lobbyist registration ordinance, resolution, bylaw or code provision or any special provision of law or ordinance, resolution, bylaw or code provision relating to disqualification of counsel for any reason. We are aware of the provisions of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act and will assume that you are aware of these provisions as well and that the City has adopted proceedings that are only as restrictive as such Act. However, if the City has stricter provisions than appear in such Act or has adopted such other special ethics or lobbyist provisions, we assume and are relying upon you to advise us of same.

### E. FEES

As is customary, we will bill our fees as Bond Counsel on a transactional basis instead of hourly. Disbursements and other non-fee charges are billed separately and in addition to our fees for professional services. Factors which affect our billing include: (a) the amount of the Bonds; (b) an estimate of the time necessary to do the work; (c) the complexity of the issue (number of parties, timetable, type of financing, legal issues and so forth); (d) recognition of the partially contingent nature of our fee, since it is customary that in the case no financing is ever completed, we render a greatly reduced statement of charges; and (e) a recognition that we carry the time for services rendered on our books until a financing is completed, rather than billing monthly or quarterly. The continuation of this agreement is dependent upon our fee as Bond Counsel being mutually agreeable to you and to us.

Based upon our current understanding of the terms, structure, size and schedule of the proposed financing, the duties we will undertake pursuant to this engagement letter, the time we estimate will be necessary to effectuate the transaction and the responsibilities we will assume, we expect that our fee will be (i) with respect to the portion of the Bonds issued to refund the IEPA Loans, \$36,000, and (ii) with respect to the portion of the Bonds issued to refund the Alternate Bonds, \$26,000, plus the disbursements and non-fee charges noted above. If at any time, we believe that circumstances require an adjustment of our original fee estimate, we will consult with you and prepare an amendment to this engagement letter.

Our statement of charges is customarily rendered and paid at Closing, or in some instances upon or shortly after delivery of the bond transcripts; we generally do not submit any statement for fees prior to the Closing, except in instances where there is a substantial delay from the expected timetable. In such instances, we reserve the right to present an interim statement of charges. If, for any reason, the Bonds are not issued or are issued without the rendition of our

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Bond Opinion as bond counsel, or our services are otherwise terminated, we expect to negotiate with you a mutually agreeable compensation. Based on the

The undersigned will be the attorney primarily responsible for the firm's services on this Bond issue, with assistance as needed from other members of our bond, securities and tax departments.

### F. RISK OF AUDIT BY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

The IRS has an ongoing program of auditing tax-exempt obligations to determine whether, in the view of the IRS, interest on such tax-exempt obligations is excludable from gross income of the owners for federal income tax purposes. We can give no assurances as to whether the IRS might commence an audit of the Bonds or whether, in the event of an audit, the IRS would agree with our opinions. If an audit were to be commenced, the IRS may treat the City as the taxpayer for purposes of the examination. As noted in Paragraph 7 of Part B above, the scope of our representation does not include responding to such an audit. However, if we were separately engaged at the time, and subject to the applicable rules of professional conduct, we may be able to represent the City in the matter.

### G. END OF ENGAGEMENT AND POST-ENGAGEMENT; RECORDS

Our representation of the City and the attorney-client relationship created by this engagement letter will be concluded upon the issuance of the Bonds. Nevertheless, subsequent to the Closing, we will prepare and provide the Participants a bond transcript in a CD-ROM format pertaining to the Bonds and make certain that a Federal Information Reporting Form 8038-G is filed.

Please note that you are engaging us as special counsel to provide legal services in connection with a specific matter. After the engagement, changes may occur in the applicable laws or regulations, or interpretations of those laws or regulations by the courts or governmental agencies, that could have an impact on your future rights and liabilities. Unless you engage us specifically to provide additional services or advice on issues arising from this matter, we have no continuing obligation to advise you with respect to future legal developments.

This will be true even though as a matter of courtesy we may from time to time provide you with information or newsletters about current developments that we think may be of interest to you. While we would be pleased to represent you in the future pursuant to a new engagement agreement, courtesy communications about developments in the law and other matters of mutual interest are not indications that we have considered the individual circumstances that may affect your rights or have undertaken to represent you or provide legal services.

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At your request, to be made at or prior to Closing, any other papers and property provided by the City will be promptly returned to you upon receipt of payment for our outstanding fees and client disbursements. All other materials shall thereupon constitute our own files and property, and these materials, including lawyer work product pertaining to the transaction, will be retained or discarded by us at our sole discretion. You also agree with respect to any documents or information relating to our representation of you in any matter which have been lawfully disclosed to the public in any manner, such as by posting on EMMA, your website, newspaper publications, filings with a County Clerk or Recorder or with the Secretary of State, or otherwise, that we are permitted to make such documents or information available to other persons in our reasonable discretion. Such documents might include (without limitation) legal opinions, official statements, resolutions or ordinances, or like documents as assembled and made public in a governmental securities offering.

We call your attention to the City's own record keeping requirements as required by the IRS. Answers to frequently asked questions pertaining to those requirements can be found on the IRS' website under frequently asked questions related to tax-exempt bonds at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) (click on "Tax Exempt Bond Community", then "Frequently Asked Questions"), and it will be your obligation to comply for at least as long as any of the Bonds (or any future bonds issued to refund the Bonds) are outstanding, plus three years.

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H. YOUR SIGNATURE REQUIRED

If the foregoing terms are acceptable to you, please so indicate by returning the enclosed copy of this engagement letter dated and signed by an authorized officer not later than 30 days after the date of this letter, retaining the original for your files. Please note that if we perform Services prior to your executing this engagement letter, this engagement letter shall be effective as of the date we have begun rendering the Services. We will provide copies of this letter to certain of the Participants to provide them with an understanding of our role. We look forward to working with you.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMAN AND CUTLER LLP

By   
Lawrence E. White

Accepted and Approved:

CITY OF GENEVA, KANE COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

LEW/KMF:nr  
Enclosure

cc: Ms. Raphaliata McKenzie

July 13, 2021

Ms. Stephanie Dawkins, City Administrator  
 Ms. Rita Kruse, Finance Director  
 City of Geneva  
 22 South First Street  
 Geneva, Illinois 60134

Exhibit C

Ms. Dawkins and Ms. Kruse:

On behalf of Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated (“we” or “Baird”), we wish to thank you for the opportunity to serve as sole managing underwriter for the City of Geneva, Illinois (“you” or “the “Issuer”) on its proposed offering and issuance of \$18 million General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Waterworks and Sewerage Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021 to refund the Series 2012B and outstanding IEPA loans (the “Securities”). This letter will confirm the terms of our engagement; however, it is anticipated that this letter will be replaced and superseded by a bond purchase agreement to be entered into by the parties (the “Purchase Agreement”) if and when the Securities are priced following successful completion of the offering process. The Purchase Agreement will set forth the terms and conditions on which Baird will purchase or place the Securities and will contain provisions that are consistent with those stated in this letter.

1. Services to be Provided by Baird. Baird is hereby engaged to serve as managing underwriter, and not as financial advisor or municipal advisor, of the proposed offering and issuance of the Securities, and in such underwriter capacity Baird agrees to provide the following services:

- Review and evaluate the proposed terms of the offering and the Securities
- Develop a marketing plan for the offering, including identification of potential purchasers of the Securities
- Assist in the preparation of the preliminary official statement and final official statement and other offering documents
- Contact potential purchasers of the Securities and provide them with copies of the offering materials and related information
- Respond to inquiries from potential purchasers and, if requested, coordinate their due diligence calls and meetings
- If the Securities are to be rated, assist in the preparation of information and materials to be provided to securities rating agencies and in the development of strategies for meetings with the rating agencies
- Consult with counsel and other service providers about the offering and the terms of the Securities
- Inform the Issuer of the marketing and offering process
- Negotiate the pricing, including the interest rate, and other terms of the Securities
- Obtain CUSIP number(s) for the Securities and arrange for their DTC book-entry eligibility
- Submit documents and other information about the offering to the MSRB’s EMMA website
- Plan and arrange for the closing and settlement of the issuance and the delivery of the Securities
- Such other usual and customary underwriting services as may be requested by the Issuer

In addition, as part of our underwriting services, Baird may provide advice concerning the structure, timing, terms and other similar matters about the offering.

2. Fees and Expenses. Baird’s proposed underwriting fee/spread will not exceed 0.70% of the public offering price of the Securities issued. The underwriting fee/spread will represent the difference between the price that

Baird pays for the Securities and the public offering price stated on the cover of the final official statement. The underwriting fee/spread will be contingent upon the closing of the proposed offering and the amount of the fee/spread will be based on the public offering price of the Securities.

The Issuer shall be responsible for paying or reimbursing Baird for all other costs of issuance, including without limitation, CUSIP, DTC, IPREO (electronic book-running/sales order system); a day loan charge (currently at the rate of 1% per annum of the par amount); official statement printing and mailing/distribution charges; bond counsel, disclosure counsel and underwriter's counsel fees; ratings agency fees and expenses; auditor and other expert fees; trustee, registrar and paying agent fees; and all other expenses incident to the performance of the Issuer's obligations under the proposed offering. However, Baird will be responsible for paying any fees to the MSRB in connection with the issuance of the Securities.

3. Conflicts of Interest and Disclosures Pursuant to MSRB Rules. Baird is registered with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB") and the SEC. The MSRB website is [www.msrb.org](http://www.msrb.org). Two investor brochures, Information for Municipal Securities Investors and Information for Municipal Advisory Clients, describe the protections that may be provided by the MSRB's rules. The brochures are available on the MSRB website. The MSRB website also contains information about how to file a complaint with an appropriate regulatory authority.

Baird makes the following conflict of interest and other disclosures as required by MSRB Rule G-17.

- Disclosures Concerning the Underwriter's Role:
  - MSRB Rule G-17 requires an underwriter to deal fairly at all times with both issuers and investors.
  - The underwriter's primary role is to purchase the Bonds with a view to distribution in an arm's-length commercial transaction with the Issuer. The underwriter has financial and other interests that differ from those of the Issuer.
  - Unlike a municipal advisor, an underwriter does not have a fiduciary duty to the Issuer under the federal securities laws and is, therefore, not required by federal law to act in the best interests of the Issuer without regard to its own financial or other interests.
  - The Issuer may choose to engage the services of a municipal advisor with a fiduciary obligation to represent the Issuer's interest in this transaction.
  - The underwriter has a duty to purchase the Securities from the Issuer at a fair and reasonable price, but must balance that duty with their duty to sell the Securities to investors at prices that are fair and reasonable.
  - The underwriter will review the official statement for the Securities in accordance with, and a part of, its responsibility to investors under the federal securities laws, as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction.
- Disclosures Concerning the Underwriter's Compensation:

The underwriter will be compensated by a fee and/or an underwriting discount that will be set forth in the bond purchase agreement to be negotiated and entered into in connection with the issuance of the Securities. Payment or receipt of the underwriting fee or discount will be contingent on the closing of the transaction and the amount of the fee or discount may be based, in whole or in part, on a percentage of the principal amount of the Securities. While this form of compensation is customary in the municipal securities market, it presents a conflict of interest since the underwriters may have an incentive to recommend to the Issuer a transaction that is unnecessary or to recommend that the size of the transaction be larger than is necessary.

- Baird-Specific Conflicts of Interest Disclosures:

Baird is a full-service securities firm and as such Baird and its affiliates may from time to time provide advisory, brokerage, consulting and other services and products to municipalities, other institutions, and individuals including the Issuer, certain Issuer officials or employees, and potential purchasers of the Securities for which Baird

may receive customary compensation; however, such services are not related to the proposed offering. Baird has previously served as underwriter, placement agent or financial advisor on other bond offerings and financings for the Issuer and expects to serve in such capacities in the future. Baird may also be engaged from time to time by the Issuer to manage investments for the Issuer (including the proceeds from the proposed offering) through a separate contract that sets forth the fees to be paid to Baird. Baird may compensate its associates for any referrals they have made that resulted in the Issuer's selection of Baird to serve as underwriter on the proposed offering of the Securities. Baird manages various mutual funds, and from time to time those funds may own bonds and other securities issued by the Issuer (including the Securities). Additionally, clients of Baird may from time to time purchase, hold and sell bonds and other securities issued by the Issuer (including the Securities).

In the ordinary course of fixed income trading business, Baird may purchase, sell, or hold a broad array of investments and may actively trade securities and other financial instruments, including the Securities and other municipal bonds, for its own account and for the accounts of customers, with respect to which Baird may receive a mark-up or mark-down, commission or other remuneration. Such investment and trading activities may involve or relate to the offering or other assets, securities and/or instruments of the Issuer and/or persons and entities with relationships with the Issuer. Spouses and other family members of Baird associates may be employed by the Issuer.

Baird has not identified any other actual or potential material conflicts of interest.

- Disclosures of Material Financial Characteristics and Material Financial Risks.
  - Accompanying this letter is a disclosure document describing the material financial characteristics and material financial risks of the Securities as required by MSRB Rule G-17.

4. Term and Termination. The term of this engagement shall extend from the date of this letter to the closing of the offering of the Securities. Notwithstanding the forgoing, either party may terminate Baird's engagement at any time without liability of penalty upon at least 30 days' prior written notice to the other party. If Baird's engagement is terminated by the Issuer, the Issuer agrees to compensate Baird for the services provided and to reimburse Baird for its out-of-pocket expenses incurred until the date of termination.

5. Miscellaneous. This letter shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois. This Agreement may not be amended or modified except by means of a written instrument executed by both parties hereto. This Agreement may not be assigned by either party without the prior written consent of the other party. The Issuer acknowledges that Baird may, at its option and expense and after announcement of the offering, place announcements and advertisements or otherwise publicize a description of the offering and Baird's role in it on Baird's website and/or other marketing material and in such financial and other newspapers and journals as it may choose, stating that Baird has acted as underwriter for the offering. The Issuer also agrees that Baird may use the Issuer's name and logo or official seal for these purposes.

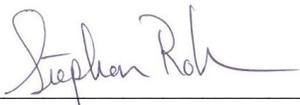
If there is any aspect of this Agreement that requires further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us. In addition, please consult your own financial and/or municipal, legal, accounting, tax and other advisors as you deem appropriate.

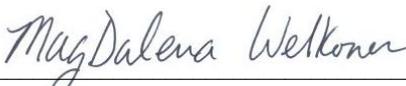
If the foregoing is consistent with your understanding, please send us an email at [scroberts@rwbaird.com](mailto:scroberts@rwbaird.com) or [dwelkomer@rwbaird.com](mailto:dwelkomer@rwbaird.com) to acknowledge your receipt of this letter.

Again, we thank you for the opportunity to assist you with your proposed financing and the confidence you have placed in us.

Very truly yours,

**ROBERT W. BAIRD & CO. INCORPORATED**

By:   
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 Director

  
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 Senior Vice President

Cc: Ms. Raphaliata McKenzie, Speer Financial Inc.

## **Disclosures of Material Financial Characteristics and Financial Risks of Proposed Offering of General Obligation Bonds**

Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated (“Baird”) has been engaged as underwriter or placement agent for the proposed offering by you (or the “Issuer”) of fixed rate bonds, notes or other debt securities (the “Securities”), to be sold on a negotiated basis. The Securities to be issued will be general obligation notes or bonds. The following is a general description of the financial characteristics and security structures of general obligation bonds, as well as a general description of certain financial risks that you should consider before deciding whether to issue general obligation bonds.

This document is being provided to an official of the Issuer who has the authority to bind the Issuer by contract with Baird, who does not have a conflict of interest with respect to the offering.

### **Financial Characteristics**

The Securities will be general obligations of the Issuer. The Issuer’s full faith and credit and unlimited taxing powers will be pledged to the payment of principal of and interest on the Securities when due. Under current law, taxes may be levied by the Issuer on all taxable property in the county without limitation as to rate or amount.

*Maturity and Interest.* The Securities are interest-bearing debt securities that the Issuer will issue. Maturity dates for the Securities will be fixed at the time of issuance and may include serial maturities (specified principal amounts are payable on the same date in each year until final maturity) or one or more term maturities (specified principal amounts are payable on each term maturity date) or a combination of serial and term maturities. Maturity dates, including the final maturity date, are subject to negotiation and will be reflected in the official statement. The state may impose limitations on the final maturity date. At each maturity, the scheduled principal or par amount of the Securities will have to be repaid.

The Securities will pay fixed rates of interest typically semi-annually on scheduled payment dates. The interest rates to be paid on the Securities may differ for each series or maturity date of the Securities. The specific interest rates will be determined based on market conditions and investor demand and reflected in the official statement for the Securities. Securities with longer maturity dates will have interest rates that are greater than securities with shorter maturity dates.

*Redemption.* The Securities may be subject to optional redemption, which allows the Issuer, at its option, to redeem some or all of the Securities on a date prior to scheduled maturity, such as in connection with the issuance of refunding bonds to take advantage of lower interest rates. The Securities will be subject to optional redemption only after the passage of a specified period of time, to be negotiated with investors and reflected in the official statement. The amount and maturities of the Securities to be redeemed will be selected by the Issuer. The redemption price will be equal to 100% of the principal amount being redeemed, plus accrued interest. The Issuer will be required to send out a notice of optional redemption to the holders of the Securities at a certain period of time prior to the redemption date.

The Securities may also be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption, which requires the

Issuer to redeem specified principal amounts of the Securities annually in advance of the term maturity date, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Securities to be redeemed. The Securities may also be subject to extraordinary or mandatory redemption upon the occurrence of certain events, authorizing or requiring you to redeem the Fixed Income Bonds at their par amount (plus accrued interest).

*Credit Enhancements.* Fixed Rate Bonds may feature credit enhancements, such as an insurance policy provided by a municipal bond insurance company that guarantees the payment of principal of an interest on the bonds when due in the event of default. Other credit enhancements could include a letter of credit provided by a financial institution, or financial support from a state agency.

*Tax Status.* If the Securities are tax-exempt, counsel will provide an opinion that the interest on the Securities will be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. If the Securities (or a portion thereof) are taxable, interest on the Securities will be included in gross income for federal and state income tax purposes.

### **Security**

The Securities are general obligations of the Issuer. “General obligations” are debt securities to which your full faith and credit is pledged to pay principal and interest when due. The basic security for payment of the Securities is the requirement that the Issuer levy ad valorem (property) taxes, which taxes are unlimited as to rate and amount, as needed to pay the debt service on the Securities. The Issuer’s full faith and credit pledge also means that other funds of the Issuer may be used to pay debt service, except if such funds are prohibited from use by state or federal law or specifically limited to another use.

The description above regarding “Security” is only a brief summary of certain possible security provisions for the Bonds and is not intended as legal advice. You should consult with your bond counsel for further information regarding the security for the Securities.

### **Financial Risk Considerations**

Certain risks may arise in connection with your issuance of the Securities, including some or all of the following:

#### *Issuer Default Risk*

You may be in default if the funds pledged to secure the Securities are not sufficient to pay debt service on the Securities when due. The consequences of a default may be serious for you and, depending on applicable state law and the terms of the authorizing documents, the holders of the Securities may be able to exercise a range of available remedies against you. For example, you may be ordered by a court to raise taxes. Other budgetary adjustments also may be necessary to enable you to provide sufficient funds to pay debt service on the Securities. Further, if you are unable to provide sufficient funds to remedy the default, subject to applicable state law and the terms of the authorizing documents, you may find it necessary to consider available alternatives under state law, including bankruptcy or receivership. Bond holders will also have the right of mandamus or other actions to require you to levy, collect and apply taxes to pay principal and interest on the Securities.

The State of Illinois may impose debt and/or revenue limits on the Issuer. The Issuer's payment of debt service on the Securities may be subject to such limits.

This description is only a brief summary of issues relating to defaults and is not intended as legal advice. You should consult with your bond counsel for further information regarding defaults and remedies.

Redemption Risk

Your ability to redeem the Securities prior to maturity may be limited, depending on the terms of any optional redemption provisions. In the event that interest rates decline, you may be unable to take advantage of the lower interest rates to reduce future debt service. In addition, if the Securities are subject to extraordinary or mandatory redemption, you may be required to redeem the bonds at times that are disadvantageous.

Refinancing Risk

If your financing plan contemplates refinancing some or all of the Securities at maturity (for example, if you have term maturities or if you choose a shorter final maturity than might otherwise be permitted under the applicable federal tax rules), market conditions or changes in law may limit or prevent you from refinancing those Securities when required. Further, limitations in the federal tax rules on advance refunding of bonds (an advance refunding of bonds occurs when tax-exempt bonds are refunded more than 90 days prior to the date on which those bonds may be retired) may restrict your ability to refund the Securities to take advantage of lower interest rates.

Reinvestment Risk

You may have proceeds to invest prior to the time that you are able to spend those proceeds for the authorized purpose. Depending on market conditions, you may not be able to invest those proceeds at or near the rate of interest that you are paying on the Securities, which is referred to as "negative arbitrage".

Tax Compliance Risk (applicable if the Securities are tax-exempt bonds)

The issuance of tax-exempt bonds is subject to a number of requirements under the United States Internal Revenue Code, as enforced by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and applicable state tax laws. You must take certain steps and make certain representations prior to the issuance of tax-exempt bonds. You also must covenant to take certain additional actions after issuance of the tax-exempt bonds. A breach of your representations or your failure to comply with certain tax-related covenants may cause the interest on the Securities to become taxable retroactively to the date of issuance of the Securities, which may result in an increase in the interest rate that you pay on the Securities or the mandatory redemption of the Securities. The IRS also may audit you or the Securities or your other bonds, in some cases on a random basis and in other cases targeted to specific types of bond issues or tax concerns. If the Securities are declared taxable, or if you are subject to audit, the market price of the Securities and/or your other bonds may be adversely affected. Further, your ability to issue other tax-exempt bonds also may be limited.

This description of tax compliance risks is not intended as legal advice and you should consult with your bond counsel regarding tax implications of issuing the Securities.

Continuing Disclosure Risk.

In connection with the issuance of the Securities, you may be subject to continuing disclosures

which require dissemination of annual financial and operating information and notices of material events. Compliance with these continuing disclosure requirements is important and facilitates an orderly secondary market. Failure to comply with continuing disclosure requirements may affect the liquidity and marketability of the Securities, as well as your other outstanding securities. Because instances of material non-compliance with previous continuing disclosure requirements must be disclosed in an official statement, failure to comply with continuing disclosure requirements may also make it more difficult or expensive for you to market and sell future bonds.