## OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE

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## CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE \$104,330,000\* GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2021

Electronic Bids Only, as Described Herein Will Be Accepted Until 10:00 a.m., Eastern Time, January 26, 2021\*

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<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary, Subject to Change

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## CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE \$104,330,000\* GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2021

*NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN* that irrevocable, electronic bids only will be received on the date and up to the time specified below:

SALE DATE: Tuesday January 26, 2021\*

SALE TIME: 10:00a.m. Eastern Time\*

ELECTRONIC BIDS: Must be submitted through *PARITY*® as described below.

No other form of bid or provider of electronic bidding services will be

accepted.

Bids will be received for the purchase of all, but not less than all, of the \$104,330,000\* General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021 (the "Bonds") to be issued by the City of Knoxville, Tennessee (the "City") for the purposes of (1) financing in whole or in part, (i) the acquisition, construction, improvements, renovation and/or equipping of public buildings, parks, greenways, preserves, roads, streets, sidewalks, bridges, drainage systems, parking facilities, police and fire facilities and urban renewal projects in and for the City, including, without limitation, a new police and fire department headquarters; (ii) the acquisition of all property, real and personal, appurtenant to the foregoing (collectively, the "Projects"); (iii) the payment of legal, fiscal, administrative, architectural and engineering costs incident to the Projects; (iv) reimbursement to the City for any funds expended for any of the foregoing prior to the issuance of the bonds referred herein; (2) refunding of certain Outstanding Bonds (as defined in the Preliminary Official Statement) of the City; and (3) payment of costs incident to the issuance and sale of the Bonds.

The Bonds are more particularly described in the Preliminary Official Statement dated January 20, 2021 relating to the Bonds, available at the i-Deal Prospectus website, <a href="www.i-dealprospectus.com">www.i-dealprospectus.com</a>. Prior to accepting bids, the City may as described herein, postpone the sale to a later date, or cancel the sale of the Bonds based upon market conditions as discussed herein. Notice of a change or cancellation will be announced via Thomson Municipal News at the internet website address <a href="www.tm3.com">www.tm3.com</a> not later than 1:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the business day preceding the bid opening. Such notice will specify the revised principal amount or feature, if any, and any later date selected for the sale, which may be postponed or cancelled in the same manner. If the sale is postponed, a later public sale may be held at the hour and place and on such date as communicated upon at least forty-eight hours' notice via Thomson Municipal News service at the internet website address <a href="www.tm3.com">www.tm3.com</a>. Consideration of the bids and the award will be made by the City not later than 6:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the Sale Date (as set forth above and in the Bidding Parameters table herein). The City will continue to reserve the right to adjust the principal amount of the Bonds offered, to eliminate maturities, or to cancel the sale of the Bonds after the bids are opened as further described herein. See ADJUSTMENT OF AMOUNTS AND MATURITIES.

## **BIDDING PARAMETERS TABLE\***

INTEREST		PF	RICING
Dated Date:	Date of Delivery	Max Reoffering Price	
Delivery Date:	February 23, 2021	Each Maturity:	N.A.
Interest Payment Dates:	May 1 and November 1	Aggregate:	130%
First Interest:	November 1, 2021	Min Reoffering Price	
Coupon Multiples:	1/8 or 1/20 or 1/100 of 1%	Each Maturity:	98.5%
Maximum Coupon:	5.00%	Aggregate:	100%
Minimum Coupon:	3.00% on and after May 1, 2032		
Maximum TIC:	N.A.	PROCEDURAL	
		Sale Date:	January 26, 2021
		Sale Time:	10:00 a.m. Eastern Time
PRINCIPAL		Bid Submission:	Electronic only through PARITY
Optional Redemption:	Callable on and after May 1, 2031 at par	All or None:	Yes
Principal Increases Aggregate:	Aggregate principal amount for the Bonds	Bid Award Method:	Lowest TIC
	cannot exceed \$130,000,000	Bid Confirmation:	Fax Signed PARITY screen
Principal Reductions 2 Aggregate:	25%	Awarding of Bid:	City Mayor not later than 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Sale Date
		Good Faith Deposit:	\$1,000,000; as more fully described herein
Term Bonds:	Any consecutive maturities after May 1, 2031; Must have sinkers equal to amortization	Insurance:	May be purchased by the bidder at its option

<sup>\*</sup> If numerical or date references contained in the body of this Official Notice of Sale conflict with the Bidding Parameters Table, the body of this Official Notice of Sale shall control. Consult the body of this Official Notice of Sale for a detailed explanation of the items contained in the Bidding Parameters Table, including interpretation of such items and methodologies used to determine such items. Information in the Bidding Parameters table may be subject to adjustment as set forth herein.

## **Principal Maturities\*:**

Due May 1*	Amount*
2022	\$10,230,000
2023	11,665,000
2024	12,285,000
2025	8,660,000
2026	3,485,000
2027	3,665,000
2028	3,890,000
2029	4,080,000
2030	4,280,000
2031	4,530,000
2032	4,655,000
2033	4,785,000
2034	4,955,000
2035	3,025,000
2036	3,115,000
2037	3,205,000
2038	3,305,000
2039	3,400,000
2040	3,505,000
2041	3,610,000

#### THE BONDS

The Bonds will be issued in fully registered, book-entry only form, without coupons, will be dated as of the date set forth in the Bidding Parameters Table; will be issued in denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof; and will bear interest from their date until paid or duly called for redemption at the annual rate or rates specified by the successful bidder, subject to the limitations specified below, payable as shown on the Bidding Parameters Table. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and will be rounded pursuant to the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB"). The Bonds must meet the minimum and maximum coupon and pricing criteria shown in the Bidding Parameters Table on a maturity and aggregate basis.

The Bonds will mature on the month and day and in the years and principal amounts shown on the Bidding Parameters and Principal Maturities Table as serial bonds or term bonds, subject to the terms and adjustments described in the Bidding Parameters Table and herein.

#### **OPTIONAL REDEMPTION**

The Bonds may be redeemed prior to their respective maturity dates at the option of the City on or after the date specified in the Bidding Parameters Table, in whole or in part at any time at the redemption prices set forth in the Bidding Parameters Table, together with accrued interest thereon to the redemption date. The Bonds will not be subject to optional redemption prior to the date specified in the Bidding Parameters Table.

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Written notice of redemption shall be mailed to registered owners of the Bonds at least twenty days before the redemption date. While DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of the Bonds, the City shall send the notice of redemption to DTC, and the City shall not be responsible for mailing notices of redemption to Participants or Indirect Participants or to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds. Any failure of DTC to mail such notice to any Participant will not affect the sufficiency or the validity of the redemption of the Bonds.

#### **SECURITY**

The Bonds will be direct general obligations of the City. The full faith, credit and <u>ad valorem</u> taxing power of the City are irrevocably pledged for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds.

#### ADJUSTMENT OF AMOUNT AND MATURITIES

The aggregate principal amount of each maturity of the Bonds is subject to adjustment by the City after the receipt and opening of the bids for their purchase as specified in the Bidding Parameters Table. Changes to be made after the opening of the bids will be communicated to the successful bidder directly by 10:00 a.m., Eastern Time, on the date following the Sale Date.

Prior to the Sale Date, the City may cancel the sale of the Bonds or adjust the aggregate principal amount and the principal amount of any maturity of the Bonds. Notice of a change or cancellation will be announced via Thomson Municipal News at the internet website address <a href="www.tm3.com">www.tm3.com</a> not later than 1:00 p.m., Eastern Time, the business day preceding the bid opening.

After the receipt and opening of the bids for their purchase, the City may cancel the sale of the Bonds or adjust the aggregate principal amount and the principal amount of each maturity of the Bonds; provided that such adjustments are within the limitations set forth in the Bidding Parameters Table, calculated based on the applicable bid amount. The City will consult with the successful bidder before adjusting the amount of any maturity of the Bonds or canceling the sale of the Bonds; however, the City reserves the sole right to make adjustments, within the limits described above, or cancel the sale of the Bonds. Any adjustments made after the opening of the bids will be communicated to the successful bidder directly by 10:00 a.m., Eastern Time, on the date following the Sale Date. Adjustments within the limits described above will not relieve the successful bidder from its obligation to purchase all of the Bonds offered by the City, assuming the City has satisfied all other conditions of this Official Notice of Sale.

In the event that the principal amount of any maturity of the Bonds is revised after the award, the interest rate and reoffering price (as a percentage of principal) for each maturity and the Underwriter's Discount on the Bonds as submitted by the successful bidder shall be held constant. The "Underwriter's Discount" shall be defined as the difference between the purchase price of the Bonds submitted by the bidder and the price at which the Bonds will be issued to the public, calculated from information provided by the bidder, divided by the par amount of the Bonds bid.

#### FORM AND PAYMENT

The Bonds will be issued in fully registered, book-entry only form and a bond certificate for each maturity will be issued to The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), registered in the name of its nominee, Cede & Co., and immobilized in its custody. A book-entry system will be employed, evidencing ownership of the Bonds, with transfers of ownership affected on the records of DTC and its participants pursuant to rules and procedures adopted by DTC and its participants. The successful bidder, as a condition to delivery of the Bonds, will be required to deposit the Bond certificates with DTC,

registered in the name of Cede & Co. Principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable by the Registration Agent by wire transfer or in clearinghouse funds to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Bonds. Transfer of principal and interest payments to the beneficial owners by participants of DTC will be the responsibility of such participants and other nominees of beneficial owners. Neither the City nor the Registration Agent will be responsible or liable for payments by DTC to its participants or by DTC participants to beneficial owners or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through such participants. The successful bidder will be required to furnish to DTC within seven (7) days after the sale the customary underwriter's questionnaire and information as to each DTC participant and the Bonds to be held for it.

Payment of principal of the Bonds will be made by the City by wire transfer through the offices of the City's Treasurer, the registrar/paying agent (the "Registration Agent"), to DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., as registered owner of the Bonds on the month and day, in the years and amounts established in accordance with the award of the Bonds. Interest on the Bonds is payable on the dates shown in the Bidding Parameters Table. Interest payments on the Bonds will be mailed by the Registration Agent on each interest payment date to the owners of the Bonds at the addresses listed on the registration books maintained by the Registration Agent for such purpose. So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of the Bonds, payments of principal and interest on the Bonds will be made to DTC or its nominee.

#### PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND FINAL OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The City has authorized the preparation and distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement dated January 20, 2021 (the "Preliminary Official Statement" or "POS") containing information relating to the Bonds. The Preliminary Official Statement is deemed "final" by the City as required by Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule"), except for pricing and other information allowed to be omitted pursuant to the Rule. The City will furnish the successful bidder on the date of closing, with its certificate, in its usual form, as to the completeness and accuracy of the Official Statement.

The Preliminary Official Statement, this Official Notice of Sale and any other information concerning the proposed financing will be available electronically at i-Deal's website, <u>www.i-dealprospectus.com</u>. Assistance in obtaining the documents will be provided by i-Deal's customer service at (212) 849-5024 or from PFM Financial Advisors LLC, 530 Oak Court Drive, Suite 160, Memphis, Tennessee 38117-3722, (901) 682-8356, yatsulan@pfm.com (Attention: Nick Yatsula).

The Preliminary Official Statement, when amended to reflect the actual amount of the Bonds sold, the interest rates specified by the successful bidder and the price or yield at which the successful bidder will reoffer the Bonds to the public, together with any other information required by law, will constitute a "Final Official Statement" with respect to the Bonds as that term is defined in the Rule. No more than seven (7) business days after the date of the sale, the City will provide without cost to the respective successful bidder up to 25 copies of the Final Official Statement. If the Bonds are awarded to a syndicate, the City will designate the senior managing underwriter of the syndicate as its representative for purposes of distributing copies of the Final Official Statement to each participating underwriter. Any underwriter submitting a bid with respect to the Bonds agrees thereby that if its bid is accepted, it shall accept such designation and shall enter into a contractual relationship with all participating underwriters for the purpose of assuring the receipt and distribution by each participating underwriter of the Final Official Statement.

#### **CONTINUING DISCLOSURE**

As set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement, the City will contract with the successful bidder as to continuing disclosure as required by the Rule pursuant to the City's standard continuing disclosure

certificate, copies of which are available upon request from the City. A description of the certificate is also set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement.

#### LEGAL OPINION

As a condition to the purchaser's obligation to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds, the City will furnish upon the delivery of the Bonds the opinion as to the validity of the Bonds of Bass, Berry & Sims PLC, Knoxville, Tennessee, Bond Counsel to the City. The opinion of Bond Counsel will state, among other things, that the interest on the Bonds (including any original issue discount properly allocable to an owner thereof) is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The opinion of Bond Counsel is subject to the condition that the City comply with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest thereon be, or continue to be, excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Failure to comply with such requirements may cause the interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income retroactively to their date of issuance. The City has covenanted to comply with such requirements of the Code. Under the existing laws of the State of Tennessee, the Bonds and the income therefrom are exempt from all State, City and municipal taxation in Tennessee, except for Tennessee franchise and excise taxes.

Bond Counsel will express no opinion regarding federal or state tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds except as stated above. It should be noted, however, that interest on any Bond may be taken into account in determining the tax liability of foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax imposed on foreign corporations under the Code. In addition, ownership of Bonds may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to certain taxpayers such as corporations (including S Corporations and certain foreign corporations), financial institutions, property and casualty or life insurance companies, individual recipients of Social Security or railroad retirement benefits, individuals claiming the earned income credit and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred (or continued) indebtedness to purchase or carry Bonds.

#### BIDDING PROCEDURE; OFFICIAL BID FORMS

Only electronic bids submitted via **BiDCOMP/PARITY**® during the bidding time period will be accepted. No other form of bid or provider of electronic bidding services will be accepted. **No bid delivered by facsimile directly to the City will be accepted**. Bidders are permitted to submit bids for the Bonds during the bidding time period, provided they are eligible to bid as described under "ELIGIBILITY TO BID" below.

Each bid must be unconditional and received by PARITY® before the Sale Time set forth in the Bidding Parameters Table. No proposal to purchase the Bonds may be withdrawn after the deadline set for receiving bids. Prior to the deadline set for receiving bids, an eligible prospective bidder may, subject to limitation which may be imposed by PARITY,® modify the proposed terms of its bid in which event the proposed terms last modified will constitute its bid for the Bonds. At the deadline stated above for receiving bids, the bidding process will close and each bid shall then constitute an irrevocable offer to purchase the Bonds on the terms provided in the bid and this Official Notice of Sale.

#### **ELECTRONIC BIDDING**

Electronic bids may be submitted via PARITY® only. No other provider of electronic bidding services will be accepted. The use of PARITY® electronic bidding shall be at the bidder's risk and expense,

and the City shall have no liability with respect thereto. The City is using electronic bidding as a communications medium and PARITY® is not acting as the City's agent.

Each electronic bid submitted via PARITY® shall be deemed an offer, in response to this Official Notice of Sale, and shall be binding upon the bidder as if made by a signed, sealed bid delivered to the City. Once the bids are released electronically via BiDCOMP/Parity to the City, each bid will constitute an **IRREVOCABLE** offer to purchase the Bonds on the terms therein provided. The successful bidder must confirm such bid by a signed PARITY® Bid Form and a signed statement of reoffering prices, both delivered by fax or email to the City (at the number or email address, as applicable, specified in "Contacts" at the front of this Official Notice of Sale) no later than one hour after being notified by the City of being the winning bidder, the original of each of which must be received by the City on the following business day at the address shown above. Failure to deliver this written confirmation does not relieve the bidder of the obligation to purchase the Bonds.

## ESTABLISHED INDUSTRY REPUTATION REQUIRED OF BIDDERS

By submitting a bid for the Bonds, each underwriter certifies it has an established industry reputation for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds. The City will not accept bids from firms without an established industry reputation for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH NOTICE OF SALE

If any provisions of this Official Notice of Sale conflict with information provided by PARITY®, this Official Notice of Sale shall control. The City is not bound by any advice or determination of PARITY® as to whether any bid complies with the terms of this Official Notice of Sale. The time as maintained by PARITY® shall constitute the official time with respect to all bids submitted.

#### ELIGIBILITY TO BID

The City does not have a registration requirement for prospective bidders. However, bidders must be contracted customers of the BiDCOMP Competitive Bidding System and should promptly contact PARITY® directly at (212) 404-8102 for information about PARITY®, including its rules and fees, and becoming a contracted customer.

#### FORM OF BID. INTEREST RATES AND BID PRICES

All bids must conform to the requirements of this Official Notice of Sale. Bidders must bid to purchase all maturities of the Bonds. No bid will be considered which does not offer to purchase all of the Bonds. Each bid must specify (1) an annual rate of interest for each maturity and (2) a dollar purchase price for the entire issue of the Bonds. The winning bidder must specify reoffering prices or yield for each maturity.

A bidder must specify the rate or rates of interest per annum (with no more than one rate of interest per maturity), which the Bonds are to bear, to be expressed in the coupon rate multiples set forth in the Bidding Parameters Table. Any number of interest rates may be named, but the Bonds of each maturity must bear interest at the same single rate for all bonds of that maturity.

Each bid for the Bonds must meet the minimum and maximum coupon and pricing criteria shown in the Bidding Parameters Table on a maturity and aggregate basis.

Each bidder must specify, as part of its bid, the prices or yields at which all of the Bonds of each maturity will be offered and sold to the public. Reoffering prices presented as a part of the bids will not be used in computing the bidders' true interest cost. As promptly as reasonably possible after bids are received, the City will notify the successful bidder that it is the apparent winner.

#### MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE

Each bidder for the Bonds must specify, as part of its bid, whether a commitment for bond insurance has been obtained by such bidder. The amount of any such premium must be included in the purchase price for the Bonds. The failure of a bidder to specify insurance in its bid will constitute a representation that the bidder has not obtained such an insurance commitment or that such insurance does not result in arbitrage true interest cost savings to the City. If an insurance commitment has been obtained and the insurance will produce arbitrage true interest cost savings to the City, such matters must be confirmed at the time the bidder is notified that it is the apparent winner, as described in "FORM OF BID, INTEREST RATES AND BID PRICES" above, and also with a certificate, and the successful bidder must furnish other related certificates from the insurer, satisfactory to the City in form and substance, delivered simultaneously with delivery of the Bonds. Qualification of insurance for the Bonds is borne by the bidder.

#### AWARD OF BID

The City expects to award the Bonds to the winning bidder no later than 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the Sale Date. Bids may not be withdrawn prior to the award. Unless all bids are rejected, the Bonds will be awarded by the City on the Sale Date to the bidder whose bid complies with this Official Notice of Sale and results in the lowest true interest cost to the City. The lowest true interest cost will be determined in accordance with the True Interest Cost ("TIC") method by doubling the semi-annual interest rate, compounded semi-annually, necessary to discount the debt service payments from the payment dates to the Dated Date of the Bonds and to the aggregate purchase price of the Bonds. If two or more bidders offer to purchase the Bonds at the same lowest TIC, the Bonds may be apportioned between such bidders if it is agreeable to each of the bidders who have offered the price producing the same lowest TIC; provided, that if apportionment is not acceptable to such bidders, the City will have the right to award the Bonds to one of such bidders. There will be no auction.

#### RIGHT OF REJECTION

The City expressly reserves the right (i) to waive any informalities, (ii) to reject all bids, any incomplete bid or any bid not fully complying with all of the requirements set forth herein, and (iii) to solicit new bids or proposals for the sale of the Bonds or otherwise provide for the public sale of the Bonds if all bids are rejected or the winning bidder defaults.

#### DELIVERY AND PAYMENT

Delivery of the Bonds will be made by the City to DTC in book-entry only form in New York, New York on or about the Delivery Date shown in the Bidding Parameters Table, or such other date agreed upon by the City and the successful bidder. Payment for the Bonds must be made in federal funds or other funds immediately available to the City at the time of delivery of the Bonds. Any expenses incurred in providing immediate funds, whether by transfer of federal funds or otherwise, will be borne by the purchaser. The cost of printing the Bonds, if any, will be borne by the City.

## RIGHT OF CANCELLATION

The successful bidder will have the right, at its option, to cancel its obligation to purchase if the Registration Agent fails to execute the Bonds and tender the same for delivery within 60 days from the date of sale thereof, and in such event the successful bidder will be entitled to the return of the Good Faith Deposit accompanying its bid.

#### GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT

A Good Faith Deposit in the amount of \$1,000,000 is required of the winning bidder only for the Bonds. The winning bidder for the Bonds is required to submit such Good Faith Deposit payable to the order of the City in the form of a wire transfer in federal funds as instructed by the City's Financial Advisor, PFM Financial Advisors LLC. The winning bidder shall submit the Good Faith Deposit not more than two hours after verbal award is made. The winning bidder should provide as quickly as it is available, evidence of wire transfer by providing the City the federal funds reference number. If the Good Faith Deposit is not received in the time allotted, the bid of the winning bidder may be rejected and the City may direct the next lowest bidder to submit a Good Faith Deposit and thereafter may award the sale of the Bonds to the same.

# Submission of a bid to purchase the Bonds serves as acknowledgement and acceptance of the terms of the Good Faith Deposit requirement.

The Good Faith Deposit so wired will be retained by the City until the delivery of the Bonds, at which time the Good Faith Deposit will be applied against the purchase price of the Bonds or the Good Faith Deposit will be retained by the City as partial liquidated damages in the event of the failure of the successful bidder to take up and pay for such Bonds in compliance with the terms of this Official Notice of Sale and of its bid. No interest on the Good Faith Deposit will be paid by the City. The balance of the purchase price must be wired in federal funds to the account detailed in the closing memorandum, simultaneously with delivery of the Bonds.

#### NO LITIGATION

There is no litigation pending concerning the validity of the Bonds, the existence of the City, or the entitlement of the officers thereof to their respective offices, and the successful bidder will be furnished a no-litigation certificate certifying to the foregoing as of and at the time of the delivery of the Bonds.

#### **CUSIP NUMBERS**

It is anticipated that CUSIP numbers will be printed on the Bonds, but neither the failure to print such numbers on any Bond nor any error with respect thereto will constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the purchaser thereof to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds. The policies of the CUSIP Service Bureau will govern the assignment of specific numbers to the Bonds. PFM Financial Advisors LLC will request the assignment of CUSIP numbers no later than one business day after dissemination of this Official Notice of Sale in accordance with MSRB Rule G-34. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds will be paid for by the City; provided, however, that the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of said numbers will be the responsibility of and will be paid for by the successful bidder.

#### **BLUE SKY**

The City has not taken any action relating to the requirements of the securities or "blue sky" laws of any jurisdiction with respect to the offer and sale of the Bonds. In addition, the City is aware that certain jurisdictions have filing requirements, which must be satisfied prior to any offer and sale of the Bonds to the public.

#### INITIAL REOFFERING TERMS

The apparent successful bidder will provide the initial public offering prices to the public (the "Initial Public Offering Prices") and yields of each maturity of the Bonds (collectively the "Initial Reoffering Terms") within 30 minutes of receipt of notice that it is the apparent winning bidder.

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF ISSUE PRICE

*General*. The successful bidder shall assist the City in establishing the issue price of the Bonds as more fully described herein.

Anticipated Compliance with Competitive Sale Requirements. The City intends that the provisions of Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) (defining "competitive sale" for purposes of establishing the issue price of the Bonds) will apply to the initial sale of the Bonds (the "competitive sale requirements") because:

- (1) the City shall disseminate this Notice of Sale to potential underwriters in a manner that is reasonably designed to reach potential underwriters;
- (2) all bidders shall have an equal opportunity to bid;
- (3) the City expects to receive bids from at least three underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds; and
- (4) the City anticipates awarding the sale of the Bonds to the bidder who submits a firm offer to purchase the Bonds at the highest price (or lowest interest cost), as set forth in this Notice of Sale.

In the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied as to the Bonds, the City shall so advise the successful bidder for the Bonds. In such event, the City intends to treat the (i) the first price at which 10% of a maturity of the Bonds (the "10% Test") is sold to the public as the issue price of the Bonds maturity and/or (ii) the initial offering price to the public as of the sale date of any maturity of the Bonds as the issue price of that maturity (the "hold-the-offering price rule"), in each case applied on a maturity-by-maturity basis (and if different interest rates apply within a maturity, to each separate CUSIP number within that maturity). The winning bidder shall advise the City promptly after the award of the Bonds if any maturities of the Bonds satisfy the 10% Test as of the date and time of the award of the Bonds. The hold-the-offering price rule shall apply to all maturities that do not satisfy the 10% Test as of the sale date. Bids will not be subject to cancellation in the event that the City applies the hold-the-offering price rule to the Bonds. Bidders should prepare their bids on the assumption that the Bonds will be subject to the hold-the-offering price rule in order to establish the issue price of the Bonds.

If the competitive sale requirements are satisfied with respect to the Bonds, the successful bidder shall execute and deliver to the City prior to Closing a certificate acceptable to Bond Counsel setting forth

the reasonably expected Initial Public Offering Price, or the sales price or prices of the Bonds, together with any requested supporting documentation, substantially in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>, with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary in the reasonable judgment of the City or Bond Counsel. In the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied, the successful bidder shall execute and deliver to the City a certificate acceptable to Bond Counsel, together with any requested supporting documentation, substantially in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u>, with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary in the reasonable judgment of the City or Bond Counsel.

The successful bidder shall, on behalf of the underwriters participating in the purchase of the Bonds, (i) confirm that the underwriters have offered or will offer each maturity of the Bonds to the public on or before the date that the Bonds are awarded by the City to the successful bidder ("Sale Date") at the Initial Public Offering Prices set forth in the bid submitted by the winning bidder, and (ii) agree, on behalf of the underwriters participating in the purchase of the Bonds, that the underwriters will neither offer nor sell any maturity of the Bonds to any person at a price that is higher than the Initial Public Offering Price for such maturity during the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of the following:

- (1) the close of the fifth business day after the Sale Date; or
- (2) the date on which the underwriters have sold at least 10% of that maturity of the Bonds to the public at a price that is no higher than the Initial Public Offering Price for such maturity.

The winning bidder shall promptly advise the City when the underwriters have sold 10% of each maturity of the Bonds to the public at a price that is no higher than the Initial Public Offering Price if that occurs prior to the close of the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) business day after the Sale Date.

The City acknowledges that, in making the representation set forth above, the successful bidder will rely on (i) the agreement of each underwriter to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, as set forth in an agreement among underwriters and the related pricing wires, (ii) in the event a selling group has been created in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, as set forth in a selling group agreement and the related pricing wires, and (iii) in the event that an underwriter is a party to a retail distribution agreement that was employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, the agreement of each broker-dealer that is a party to such agreement to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, as set forth in the retail distribution agreement and the related pricing wires. The City further acknowledges that each underwriter shall be solely liable for its failure to comply with its agreement regarding the hold-the-offering-price rule and that no underwriter shall be liable for the failure of any other underwriter, or of any dealer who is a member of a selling group, or of any broker-dealer that is a party to a retail distribution agreement to comply with its corresponding agreement regarding the hold-the-offering-price rule as applicable to the Bonds.

By submitting a bid, each bidder confirms that:

- (i) any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each retail distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement, as applicable, to:
  - (A) report the prices at which it sells to the public the Bonds of each maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the successful bidder that either the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity or all Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the public, and

- (B) comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if and for so long as directed by the successful bidder and in the related pricing wires, and
- (ii) any agreement among underwriters relating to the sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter that is a party to a retail distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement to:
  - (A) report the prices at which it sells to the public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the successful bidder or such underwriter that either the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity or all Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the public, and
  - (B) comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule, if and for so long as directed by the successful bidder or such underwriter and as set forth in the related pricing wires.

*Definitions*. Sales of any Bonds to any person that is a related party to an underwriter shall not constitute sales to the public for purposes of this Notice of Sale. Further, for purposes of this Notice of Sale:

- (i) "public" means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an underwriter or a related party,
- (ii) "underwriter" means (A) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the City (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public and (B) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (A) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public), and
- (iii) a purchaser of any of the Bonds is a "related party" to an underwriter if the underwriter and the purchaser are subject, directly or indirectly, to (i) more than 50% common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another), (ii) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profits interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by one partnership of another), or (iii) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interests of the partnership, as applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interests by one entity of the other).

### **CERTIFICATE**

In connection with delivery of the Bonds, the City will deliver a certificate of an official of the City, dated the date of delivery of said Bonds, stating that as of the date thereof, to the best of the knowledge and belief of said official, the Official Statement does not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information may be obtained from Susan Gennoe, Chief Financial Officer, (<a href="mailto:sgennoe@knoxvilletn.gov">sgennoe@knoxvilletn.gov</a>), (865) 215-3384, or Nick Yatsula (<a href="mailto:yatsulan@pfm.com">yatsulan@pfm.com</a>) of PFM Financial Advisors LLC, (901) 682-8356.

CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

/s/ Indya Kincannon Indya Kincannon Mayor

Dated: January 20, 2021

#### **EXHIBIT A**

## CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021

# ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE (if competitive sale requirements are met)

The undersigned, on behalf of [NAME OF UNDERWRITER] ("[SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER]"), hereby certifies as set forth below with respect to the sale of the above-captioned obligations (the "Bonds") of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee (the "Issuer").

#### 1. Reasonably Expected Initial Offering Price.

- (a) As of the Sale Date, the reasonably expected initial offering prices of the Bonds to the Public by [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER] are the prices listed in Schedule A (the "Expected Offering Prices"). The Expected Offering Prices are the prices for the Maturities of the Bonds used by [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER] in formulating its bid to purchase the Bonds. Attached as Schedule B is a true and correct copy of the bid provided by [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER] to purchase the Bonds.
- (b) [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER] was not given the opportunity to review other bids prior to submitting its bid.
- (c) The bid submitted by [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER] constituted a firm offer to purchase the Bonds.

#### 2. Defined Terms.

- (a) *Maturity* means Bonds with the same credit and payment terms. Bonds with different maturity dates, or Bonds with the same maturity date but different stated interest rates, are treated as separate Maturities.
- (b) *Public* means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a related party to an Underwriter.
- (c) Related party means an entity that shares with another entity (1) more than 50% common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another), (2) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profits interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by one partnership of another), or (3) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interest of the partnership, as applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interest by one entity of the other).
- (d) Sale Date means the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale of a Maturity of the Bonds. The Sale Date of the Bonds is January \_\_\_\_, 2021.

(e) *Underwriter* means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a third-party distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public).

The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER]'s interpretation of any laws, including specifically Sections 103 and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations thereunder. The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the Issuer with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the Tax Certificate with respect to the Bonds and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Bonds, and by Bass, Berry & Sims PLC in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice that it may give to the Issuer from time to time relating to the Bonds.

Dated:	
	[NAME OF UNDERWRITER]
	By:
	Name:
	Title:

#### EXHIBIT B

## **CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021**

#### ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE

(if the competitive sale requirements are not met)

The undersigned, on behalf of [NAME OF UNDERWRITER] ("[SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER]") [and the other members of the underwriting syndicate (together, the "Underwriting Group")], hereby certifies as set forth below with respect to the sale and issuance of the above-captioned obligations (the "Bonds") of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee (the "Issuer").

1. Sale of the General Rule Maturities. As of the date of this certificate, for each Maturity of the General Rule Maturities, the first price at which at least 10% of such Maturity was sold to the Public is the respective price listed in Schedule A.

## 2. Initial Offering Price of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities.

- (a) [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER] [The Underwriting Group] offered the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities to the Public for purchase at the respective initial offering prices listed in Schedule A (the "Initial Offering Prices") on or before the Sale Date. A copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication for the Bonds is attached to this certificate as Schedule B.
- (b) As set forth in the Detailed Notice of Sale and bid award, [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER] agreed in writing on or prior to the Sale Date that, (i) for each Maturity of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities, [it][they] would neither offer nor sell any of the Bonds of such Maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the Initial Offering Price for such Maturity during the Holding Period for such Maturity (the "Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule"), and (ii) any selling group agreement shall contain the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and any third-party distribution agreement, to comply with the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule. Pursuant to such agreement, no Underwriter (as defined below) offered or sold any Maturity of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities at a price that is higher than the respective Initial Offering Price for that Maturity of the Bonds during the Holding Period.

#### 3. **Defined Terms**.

- (a) General Rule Maturities means those Maturities of the Bonds listed in Schedule A hereto as the "General Rule Maturities."
- (b) *Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities* means those Maturities of the Bonds listed in Schedule B hereto as the "Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities."
- (c) *Holding Period* means, with respect to a Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity, the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of (i) the close of the fifth business day after the Sale Date, or (ii) the date on which [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER] sold at least 10% of such Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity to the Public at prices that are no higher than the Initial Offering Price for such Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity.
- (d) Maturity means Bonds with the same credit and payment terms. Bonds with different

maturity dates, or Bonds with the same maturity date but different stated interest rates, are treated as separate maturities.

- (e) *Public* means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a related party to an Underwriter.
- (f) Related party means an entity that shares with another entity (1) more than 50% common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another), (2) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profits interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by one partnership of another), or (3) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interest of the partnership, as applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interest by one entity of the other).
- (g) Sale Date means the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale of a Maturity of the Bonds. The Sale Date of the Bonds is January \_\_\_, 2021.
- (f) *Underwriter* means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a third-party distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public).

The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents [SHORT NAME OF UNDERWRITER]'s interpretation of any laws, including specifically Sections 103 and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations thereunder. The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the Issuer with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the Tax Certificate with respect to the Bonds and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Bonds, and by Bass, Berry & Sims PLC in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice that it may give to the Issuer from time to time relating to the Bonds.

Dated:	
	[NAME OF UNDERWRITER]
	By:
	Name:
	Title: