

CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE

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I. Introduction and Scope

The City of Grand Prairie (“City”) shall manage and invest its cash with three objectives, listed in order of priority: preservation and safety of principal, liquidity, and yield. The preservation and safety of the principal invested always remains the primary objective.

Cash management is defined as the process of managing monies in order to ensure optimum cash availability and optimum yield on short-term investment of idle cash. Pursued objectives include expediting revenue receipts and slowing down disbursements of cash.

The City shall maintain a comprehensive cash management program which includes collection of accounts receivable, vendor payment in accordance with invoice terms, and prudent investment of its available cash.

The Public Funds Investment Act Chapter 2256 Government Code of Texas as amended prescribes that each city is to adopt rules governing its investment practices. The "Investment Policies" are intended to fulfill the requirements of this State law.

Further, as administrative agent of the Grand Prairie Sports Facilities Development Corporation, Inc. (“the Sports Corp”) the scope of the City’s investment policies will apply to investments of the Sports Corp, unless otherwise indicated. However, the investments for the Sports Corp will be separately and discretely managed apart from City funds.

II. Responsibility

These policies are developed by the City Manager to guide the Chief Financial Officer and staff in investment matters. The overriding goal of the Investment Policies is to enable the City to achieve the objectives of preservation and safety of principal, liquidity and yield while conducting its operations consistent with the Council-Manager form of government established in the City Charter.

The purpose of the Investment Policies is to provide guidelines for the Chief Financial Officer in planning and directing the City's day-to-day investment affairs and in developing recommendations to the City Manager.

The City Manager designates the Chief Financial Officer as the City's chief investment officer. The Treasury and Debt Manager, Controller, and Treasury Analyst are designated as additional investment officers. The Chief Financial Officer is responsible for the City's comprehensive cash management program, including the administration of the Investment Policies. The Chief Financial Officer is responsible for considering the quality and capability of staff involved in investment management and procedures. The Chief Financial Officer shall be responsible for authorizing investments and the Treasury and Debt Manager shall account for investments and pledged collateral in order to maintain appropriate internal controls. The Controller shall be responsible for recording investments in the City's books of accounts. The Internal Audit staff shall audit records monthly and the external auditors will review for management controls on investments and adherence to policy as required by law.

III. Investment Committee

An Investment Committee consisting of the Treasury Analyst, Treasury and Debt Manager, Controller, Chief Financial Officer, and Deputy City Manager shall meet as frequently as necessary to review the City's investment portfolio. The committee shall also meet as necessary to add or delete a financial institution or broker/dealer from the list of institutions with whom the City may do business or to conduct other business. The committee shall also meet to review prospectuses, financial statements and other performance data on Money Market Mutual Funds and shall formulate recommendations on the advisability of investing in specific funds for the consideration of the City Council.

Any three of the five investment committee members constitute a quorum. The Treasury and Debt Manager shall serve as chairman of the committee, and maintain written record of investment committee meetings.

IV. Authorized Investments

The City and Sports Corp may only invest in:

1. Obligations of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities (except for derivatives and mortgage pass-through securities).
2. Municipal Securities (State, City, County, school or road district general obligation or revenue bonds) with a remaining maturity of three years or less which have received a rating by at least two nationally recognized credit rating agencies of at least A or its equivalent.
3. Commercial paper with a stated maturity of 365 days or less from the date of its issuance that is rated at least A-1, P-1, or the equivalent by at least one nationally recognized credit rating agency and is fully secured by an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a bank organized and existing under the laws of the United States or any state thereof. The Sports Corp only allows this quality of commercial paper if managed through a local government investment pool.
4. Public Funds Investment Pool with a weighted average maturity of 90 days or less whose investment objectives include seeking to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1 per share. An investment pool shall invest funds in authorized investments permitted by the Public Funds Investment Act. The pool must enter into a contract approved (by resolution) by the Grand Prairie City Council to provide investment services to the City or by the Sports Corporation Board to provide services to the Sports Corp

The pool must be continuously rated no lower than AAA or AAA-m or at an equivalent rating by at least one nationally recognized rating service. The pool must provide monthly reports that contain:

- the types and percentage breakdown of securities in which the pool is invested;
- the current average dollar-weighted maturity, based on the stated maturity date, of the pool;
- the current percentage of the pool's portfolio in investments that have stated maturities of more than one year;
- the book value versus the market value of the pool's portfolio, using amortized

- cost valuation;
 - the size of the pool;
 - the number of participants in the pool;
 - the custodian bank that is safekeeping the assets of the pool;
 - a listing of daily transaction activity of the entity participating in the pool;
 - the yield and expense ratio of the pool, including a statement regarding how yield is calculated;
 - the portfolio managers of the pool; and
 - any changes or addenda to the offering circular.
- a. To be eligible to receive funds from and invest funds on behalf of an entity under this chapter, a public funds investment pool that uses amortize cost or fair value accounting must mark its portfolio to market daily, and, to the extent reasonably possible, stabilize at a \$1.00 net asset value, when rounded and expressed to two decimal places. If the ratio of the market value of the portfolio divided by the book value of the portfolio is less than 0.995 or greater than 1.005, the governing body of the public funds investment pool shall take action as the body determines necessary to eliminate or reduce to the extent reasonably practicable any dilution or unfair result to existing participants, including a sale of portfolio holdings to attempt to maintain the ratio between 0.995 and 1.005. In addition to the requirements of its investment policy and any other forms of reporting, a public funds investment pool that uses amortized cost shall report yield to its investors in accordance with regulations if the federal Securities and Exchange Commission applicable to reporting by money market funds.
 - b. To be eligible to receive funds from and invest funds on behalf of an entity under this chapter, a public funds investment pool must have an advisory board composed;
 1. equally of participants in the pool and other persons who do not have a business relationship with the pool and are qualified to advise the pool, for a public funds investment pool created under Chapter 791 and managed by a state agency; or
 2. of participants in the pool and other persons who do not have a business relationship with the pool and are qualified to advise the pool, for other investment pools.
 - c. To maintain eligibility to receive funds from and invest funds on behalf of an entity under this chapter, an investment pool must be continuously rated no lower than AAA or AAA-m or at an equivalent rating by at least one nationally recognized rating service.
5. An SEC-registered, no-load money market mutual fund approved (by resolution) by the City Council with a dollar-weighted average portfolio maturity of 90 days or less whose investment objectives include seeking to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1 per share. By state law the City is not authorized to invest in the aggregate more than 80 percent of its monthly average fund balance, excluding bond proceeds, in money market mutual funds described in this subsection or to invest its funds or funds under its control, excluding bond proceeds, in any one money market mutual fund in an amount that exceeds 10 percent of the total assets of the money market mutual fund.
 6. Collateralized or insured certificates of deposit and other evidences of deposit at federally insured banks, fully guaranteed or insured by the FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation) in the State of Texas.

V. Prohibited Investments

The City's authorized investment options are more restrictive than those allowed by State law. Furthermore, this policy specifically prohibits investment in the following investment securities.

1. Obligations whose payment represents the coupon payments on the outstanding principal balance of the underlying mortgage-backed security collateral and pays no principal.
2. Obligations whose payment represents the principal stream of cash flow from the underlying mortgage-backed security collateral and bears no interest.
3. Collateralized mortgage obligations that have a stated final maturity date of greater than 10 years.
4. Collateralized mortgage obligations the interest rate of which is determined by an index that adjusts opposite to the changes in a market index.

VI. Diversification

Investments shall be diversified to reduce the risk of loss resulting from over-concentration of investments in a specific maturity, a specific issue, or a specific class of securities.

The asset mix of the City's and Sports Corp portfolio is expressed in terms of maximum commitment so as to allow flexibility to take advantage of market conditions. This policy represents the allowable maximum at the point in time that an investment is placed or security bought, as maturities and call features may affect the portfolio distribution. The asset mix requirements are as follows:

	% City Max	% Sports Corp Max
U.S. Treasury Bills and Notes	100	100
U.S. Agency or Instrumentality Obligations (each type)	25 (a)	40
Repurchase Agreements (except for Bond Proceeds)	20	20
Municipal Securities (total)	40	40
Municipal Securities (out-of-state)	40	40
Certificates of Deposit (per institution)	20	20
Money Market Mutual Fund	50 (b)	50 (b)
Public Funds Investment Pool	50	100

(a) Total agency investments limited to no more than 100% of the total portfolio.

(b) State law allows up to 80% of monthly average fund balance, excluding bond proceeds. The City and Sports Corp limit exposure to 50% to reduce risk.

In addition, the City may invest in callable securities but shall limit the total amount to no more than 50% of the portfolio. The Sports Corp does not limit the amount of callable securities.

VII. Qualifying Institutions

Financial institutions (Federally insured banks) with and through whom the City invests in Certificate of Deposits shall be located in the State of Texas. Broker/dealers through whom the City purchases U. S. Government securities may include those dealers reporting to the Market Reports Division of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, also known as the "primary government securities dealers" and Hilltop Securities except that repurchase agreements shall not be executed through Hilltop Securities. In addition, other regional broker/dealers may be considered by the Investment Committee.

The City shall evaluate the financial institutions' and broker/dealers' soundness to the extent the investment committee considers necessary. Investigation may include review of rating agency reports, review of call reports, and analyses of management, profitability, capitalization, and asset quality. Financial institutions and broker/dealers with whom the City wishes to do business shall provide the financial data requested by the City.

The investment committee shall review the information and decide on the soundness of a financial institution or broker/dealer before adding the institution to the list of those with whom the City does business. The list of approved brokers/dealers shall be annually adopted by the Investment Committee. An institution must be approved by the investment committee and added to the approved list before any business can be transacted with the City.

The City will send the Investment Policy to all approved financial institutions and broker/dealers (approved organizations) annually with a statement that that the City is providing the investment policy to aid in meeting its duties under Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Rule 2111, relating to "knowing your customer." The City deems that by providing the investment policy to approved organizations, the approved organization has reviewed the City's investment policy in satisfaction of the duties under FINRA Rule 2111, which states that organizations are required to "have a reasonable basis to believe that a recommendation is

suitable for a particular customer based on that customer's investment profile.”

VIII. Safekeeping

Investments in U. S. Treasury agency and instrumentality obligations purchased by the city and securities pledged as collateral for certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit and for repurchase agreements shall be retained in safekeeping in a third party safekeeping bank or in the Federal Reserve Bank in the City's name. The city, financial institution, and the safekeeping bank(s) shall operate in accordance with a master safekeeping agreement signed by all three parties.

Securities owned by the City and collateral securities pledged to the City which must be maintained in safekeeping must be maintained at a bank other than the bank through which the specific owned security is purchased or from which the specific collateral security is pledged.

IX. Collateral Securities for Certificates of Deposit and Demand Accounts

Collateralization is required for all uninsured collected balances, plus accrued interest if any. The City will accept as collateral for its certificates of deposit and demand accounts and other evidences of deposit the following securities:

- FDIC coverage
- Obligations of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities (except for derivatives and mortgage pass-through securities)
- State, city, county, school, or road district general obligation or revenue bonds*, except that out-of-state bonds shall be limited to general obligation bonds
- City of Grand Prairie revenue bonds or general obligation bonds, time warrants, tax notes and certificates of obligation
- A Letter of Credit issued by a Federal Home Loan Bank

* The securities must be rated at least A by at least one of the nationally recognized rating services. Collateral consisting of out-of-state bonds shall be limited to fifty percent (50%) of the total collateral pledged by a financial institution.

The securities shall be marked-to-market no less frequently than monthly, and the ratio of collateral market value to amount invested plus accrued interest shall be no less than 105%.

The above constitutes the only acceptable means of collateralizing the City's deposits. Collateral securities must be owned outright by the pledging financial institution. The collateral securities must be held in safekeeping by a third-party custodian designated by the entity and in the City's name pursuant to a safekeeping agreement signed by the financial institution and the City. The pledging financial institution may substitute collateral securities with securities of acceptable quality upon authorization from the City. Collateral shall be audited at least annually by the City's independent auditors and may be audited by the City at any time during normal business hours of the safekeeping bank.

The financial institutions with which the City invests and/or maintains other deposits shall provide monthly, and as requested by the City, a listing of the City's certificates of deposit and other deposits at the institution

and a listing of the collateral pledged to the City marked to current market prices. The listing shall include total pledged securities itemized by:

- Name
- Type/description
- Par value
- Current market value
- Maturity date
- Nationally recognized credit rating agency rating (if available)

The City and the financial institutions shall assume responsibility for ensuring that collateral is sufficient and may stipulate seasonal adjustments to accommodate higher cash volume.

X. Investment Practice - General

All investment decisions shall be internally documented and approved before execution by any two of the investment officers. All funds reported in the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) are included in the Pooled Investment Fund. Any of the above investment officers may order investments orally, but the financial institution or broker/dealer shall follow up the investment order with a written confirmation.

All investments purchased by the City and held in safekeeping in a third-party safekeeping institution shall be purchased "delivery versus payment." That is, the City shall authorize the release of its funds only after it has received notification from the safekeeping bank that a purchased security has been received in the City's safekeeping account. This notification may be oral, but will be followed up in writing with the original safekeeping receipt.

The City must have confirmation from the Federal Reserve Bank or Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas that collateral pledged from a financial institution is in the City's account before investing in certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at the financial institution. This confirmation may be oral, but must be followed up in writing with the original safekeeping receipt.

Competitive quotations shall always be taken for certificates of deposit and shall be taken for U.S. Treasury security investments as considered prudent by the investment committee.

Effect of Loss of Required Rating – All prudent measures will be taken to liquidate an investment that is downgraded to less than the required minimum rating. This includes consideration of final maturity date, realized amount of gain/loss, alternative investment options, rating agency analyses and their rationale.

Rating changes will be monitored through the information published by the rating agencies, industry newsletters and broker/dealer notifications.

XI. Reporting

The City Manager shall report quarterly to the City Council and Sports Corp on their investments. The report must:

- describe in detail the investment position of the entity on the date of the report;

- be prepared jointly by all investment officers of the City;
- be signed by each investment officer of the City;
- contain a summary statement prepared in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles of each pooled fund group that states the:
 - beginning market value for the reporting period;
 - additions and changes to the market value during the period;
 - ending market value for the period; and
 - fully accrued interest for the reporting period;
- state the book value and market value of each separately invested asset at the beginning and end of the reporting period by the type of asset and fund type invested;
- state the maturity date of each separately invested asset that has a maturity date;
- state the account or fund or pooled group fund in the city for which each individual investment was acquired; and
- state the compliance of the investment portfolio of the City as it relates to:
 - the investment strategy expressed in the City's investment policy; and
 - relevant provisions of the public funds investment act.

If an entity invests in other than money market mutual funds, investment pools or accounts offered by its depository bank in the form of certificates of deposit, or money market accounts or similar accounts, the reports prepared by the investment officers under this section shall be formally reviewed at least annually by an independent auditor, and the result of the review shall be reported to the governing body by that auditor.

Each month Bank of New York Mellon shall provide market prices of all the City's investment securities for which they hold as the City's third party safekeeping bank.

XII. Training

State law requires the investment officers of a local government shall attend at least one training session relating to the investment officers' responsibilities within 12 months of assuming duties. Training must include education in investment controls, security risks, strategy risks, market risks, and compliance with the Public Funds Investment Act.

In addition, the Investment Officer must attend an investment training session not less than once in a two-year period that begins on the first day of the City's fiscal year and consists of the two consecutive fiscal years thereafter. Not less than 8 hours of instruction is required relating to investment responsibilities under this subchapter from an independent source approved by the governing body of the local government or a designated investment committee advising the investment officer as provided for in the investment policy of the local government.

XIII. Strategy

City Funds: The City accounts for investments in one main portfolio and primarily managed through the Pooled Investment Fund. The City may, from time to time, specially designate funds to isolate and distribute interest, such as Epic CIP, TxDot Grants, and TWDB Escrow. In those instances, interest will be distributed to the fund designated; otherwise, investment earnings will be pooled and distributed according to city policy and management or council direction. Sports Corp will be kept separate.

The investment maturity schedule shall correspond with the City's projected cash flow needs. Remaining maturities on individual investments purchased shall be no longer than 3 years, except exempt funds which would be subject to a maximum maturity of 5 years. Exempt funds would include long-term required reserves such as the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund or bond reserve funds. An average remaining maturity of 365 days or less shall be maintained on bond proceeds, subject to arbitrage rebate restriction, and the total portfolio average remaining maturity shall not exceed one year.

Bond sale proceeds are part of the Pooled Investment Fund. As such arbitrage is an issue where the city continues to pursue maximizing yield on applicable investments while insuring the safety of capital and liquidity. It is a fiscally sound position to continue optimization of yield and rebate excess earnings, if necessary.

Sports Corp Funds: The Sports Corp portfolio covers operating, reserve and construction project needs. Investment maturities shall be governed within the boundaries of maturity, diversity, liquidity and quality expressed in this policy. Maturities will correspond with cash flow needs of the Sports Corp, but will not exceed 5 years. The total portfolio average will not exceed two years.

XIV. Indemnity

The City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Controller, Treasury and Debt Manager, Treasury Analyst, and other Finance Department employees, and the Investment Committee shall be personally indemnified in the event of investment loss provided the Investment Policies are followed.

All participants in the investment process shall seek to act responsibly as custodians of public assets. Officers and employees involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with proper execution of the investment program, or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions.

Anyone involved in investing City funds shall file with the Chief Financial Officer and the Investment Committee a statement disclosing any personal business relationship and any material financial interest in a business organization that handle City of Grand Prairie investments. An investment officer has a personal business relationship with a business organization if:

1. The investment officer owns 10% or more of the voting stock or shares of the business organization or owns \$5,000 or more of the fair market value of the business organization;
2. Funds received by the investment officer from the business organization exceed 10% of the investment officers gross income for the prior year; or
3. The investment officer has acquired from the business organization during the prior year investments with a book value of \$2,500 or more for the personal account of the investment officer.

Any investment officer who is related with the second degree by affinity or consanguinity as determined under the Tex. Gov't. Code Ann. Ch. 573 to an individual seeking to sell an investment to the City shall file a statement disclosing that relationship with the City Council and the Texas Ethics Commission.

The standard of prudence to be used by the investment officers shall be the "Prudent Person Rule" as set forth in Tex. Gov't. Code Ann. Sec. 2256.006 and will be applied in the context of managing an overall portfolio: "Investments shall be made with judgment and care under circumstances then prevailing – which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but

for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived.”

Investment officers acting in accordance with written procedures and the investment policy and exercising due diligence shall be relieved of personal responsibilities for an individual security’s credit risk or market price change, provided deviations from expectations are reported in a timely fashion and appropriate action is taken to control adverse developments.

XV. Policy Revisions

The policies will be reviewed and adopted annually by the City Council Finance and Government Committee and City Council as well as the Sports Corp Finance and Governance Committee and the Sports Corp Board.

The policies may be amended by recommendation of the City Manager and action (by resolution or minute order) of the City Council and Sports Corp. Investment Policy revisions may become necessary with changes in State law, entity needs, the economy, and investment opportunities. Due to the less frequent timing of Sports Corp Board formal meetings, any administrative changes made by the City Council will apply to the Sports Corp until formal ratification can occur. Administrative matters may include definitions of authorized or unauthorized investments, clarification of matters pertaining to state law and procedures, assignment of investment officers and committees and similar items. No substantive changes to authorized investments, diversification or maximum maturity will be made to Sports Corp funds without their board approval.