## NOTICE OF SALE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE PARK, COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY

## \$5,012,000\* GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (Book-Entry-Only) (Callable)

The BOROUGH OF SEASIDE PARK, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey located in the County of Ocean, New Jersey (the "Borough"), hereby invites sealed or electronic proposals for the purchase of the Borough's \$5,012,000\* principal amount of General Obligation Bonds (the "Bonds").

SEALED OR ELECTRONIC (VIA PARITY) PROPOSALS will be received by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough at Town Hall, 1701 N. Ocean Avenue, Seaside Park, New Jersey 08752 on **March 27, 2024** (the "Bid Date") **until 11:00 a.m.**, prevailing local time, at which time they will be publicly opened and announced. The Bonds will be dated their date of delivery and will mature, subject to prior redemption, on April 1, in the years and, subject to adjustment as provided herein, in the amounts set forth below:

## GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2024

<u>Year</u>	Principal Amoun*t	<u>Year</u>	Principal Amount*
2025	\$157,000	2035	\$265,000
2026	160,000	2036	270,000
2027	160,000	2037	290,000
2028	200,000	2038	300,000
2029	200,000	2039	300,000
2030	215,000	2040	310,000
2031	225,000	2041	310,000
2032	230,000	2042	310,000
2033	240,000	2043	310,000
2034	250,000	2044	310,000
		TOTAL	\$5,012,000*

<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary, subject to change as described herein.

All bidders for the Bonds must be participants of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") or affiliated with its participants. The Bonds will be issued in the form of one certificate for each maturity of the Bonds each in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity and will be payable as to both principal and interest in lawful money of the United States of America. Each certificate will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, which will act as Securities Depository. The certificates will be deposited with DTC which will be responsible for maintaining a book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants and the transfers of the interests among its participants. The participants will be responsible for maintaining records regarding the beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds on behalf of the individual purchases. Individual purchases may be made in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof through book entries made on the books and records of DTC and its participants.

The Bonds will be dated their date of delivery and will bear interest at the rate or rates per annum specified by the successful bidder therefor in accordance herewith, payable semi-annually on October 1 and April 1 of each year, commencing October 1, 2024, until maturity or earlier redemption, to DTC or its authorized nominee. DTC will credit payments of principal of and interest on the Bonds to the participants of DTC as listed on the records of DTC. Bidders may <u>not</u> elect to structure any maturities of the Bonds as term bonds.

In the event (a) DTC determines not to continue to act as Securities Depository for the Bonds or (b) the Borough determines that continuation of the book-entry system of evidence and transfer of ownership of the Bonds would adversely affect the interests of the beneficial owners of the Bonds, the Borough will discontinue the book-entry system with DTC. If the Borough fails to identify another qualified securities depository to replace DTC, the Borough will deliver replacement bonds in the form of fully registered certificates.

The Bonds are general obligations of the Borough and are secured by a pledge of the full faith and credit of the Borough for the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The Bonds are payable, if not paid from other sources, from ad valorem taxes to be levied upon all the taxable property within the Borough without limitations as to rate or amount.

The Bonds maturing on or before April 1, 2031, are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. The Bonds maturing on or after April 1, 2032, are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the Borough, as a whole or in part on any date on or after April 1, 2031, and if in part such maturity or maturities as decided by the Borough shall be redeemed, at the redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount to be redeemed, plus accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for redemption.

Each proposal submitted must name the rates or rates of interest per annum to be borne by the Bonds and the rate or rates named must be multiples of one-eighth or one-twentieth of one per centum. Not more than one rate may be named for the bonds of the same maturity. There is no limitation on the number of rates that may be named. The difference between the lowest and the highest rates named in the proposal shall not exceed two per centum (2%). The Bonds will be awarded to the bidder on whose bid the total loan may be made at the lowest true interest cost ("TIC"). Such TIC cost shall be computed by determining the interest rate, compounded semi-annually, necessary to discount the debt service payments to the date of the bonds and to the price bid. Each proposal submitted must be for all the Bonds and the purchase price specified in the proposal must not be less than \$5,012,000 nor more than \$5,262,600 (105% of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds). No proposal shall be considered that offers to pay an amount less than the principal amount of the Bonds offered for sale or under which the total loan is made at a TIC higher than the lowest TIC to the Borough under any legally acceptable proposal, and if two or more bidders offer to pay the lowest TIC, then the Bonds will be sold to one of such bidders selected by lot from among all such bidders.

It is requested that each proposal be accompanied by a computation of the TIC to the Borough under the terms of the proposal in accordance with the method of calculation described

in the preceding paragraph (computed to six decimal places), but such computation is not to be considered as part of the proposal for Bonds. Determinations of TIC by the Borough shall be final.

The Borough may and expects to, after the receipt and opening of bids, adjust the maturity schedule of the Bonds, provided however, that (1) no maturity schedule adjustment shall exceed 10% upward or downward of the principal for any maturity as specified herein, and (ii) the aggregate adjustment to the maturity schedule shall not exceed 10% upward or downward of the aggregate principal amount of Bonds as specified herein and the aggregate principal amount of Bonds as adjusted will not exceed \$5,012,000. The dollar amount bid by the successful bidder shall be adjusted to reflect any adjustments in the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds to be issued. Immediately upon being notified that it is the successful bidder, the successful bidder shall provide to the Borough's municipal advisor and bond counsel the initial offering prices of the Bonds to the public. Upon receipt of the initial offering prices of the Bonds to the public from the successful bidder, the bid price will be adjusted to reflect changes in the dollar amount of the underwriter's discount and the original issue premium but will not change the per bond underwriter's discount as calculated from the bid and the initial offering prices of the Bonds to the public. The Borough shall notify the successful bidder of the final maturity schedule and the resulting adjusted purchase price no later than 5:00 p.m., New Jersey time, on the day of the sale and award the Bonds. The interest rate or rates specified by the successful bidder for each maturity will not be altered.

Except as provided herein under the caption "Procedures Regarding Electronic Bidding," each proposal must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, marked on the outside "Proposal for Borough G.O. Bonds" and, if mailed, addressed to or in care of the undersigned at 1701 N. Ocean Avenue, Seaside Park, New Jersey 08752. All bids which are submitted electronically via the PARITY Electronic Bid Submission System ("PARITY") of i-Deal LLC ("i-Deal") pursuant to the procedures described below shall be deemed to constitute a "Proposal for Bonds" and shall be deemed to incorporate by reference all of the terms and conditions of this Notice of Sale. The submission of a bid electronically via PARITY shall constitute and be deemed the bidder's signature on the Proposal for Bonds.

PROCEDURES REGARDING ELECTRONIC BIDDING. Bids may be submitted electronically via PARITY in accordance with this notice, until 11:00 a.m., New Jersey time, on the Bid Date, but no bid will be accepted after the time for receiving bids specified above. In addition, bidders must ensure that the good faith deposit wire, check or financial surety bond referred to herein is submitted on the Bid Date by 11:00 a.m. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in PARITY conflict with this Notice of Sale, the terms of this Notice of Sale shall control. For further information about PARITY, potential bidders may contact PARITY at i-Deal at 1359 Broadway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10010, telephone (212) 849-5021. The Borough may, but is not obligated to, acknowledge its acceptance in writing of any bid submitted electronically via PARITY. In the event that a bid for the Bonds is submitted via PARITY, the bidder further agrees that:

1. The Borough may regard the electronic transmission of the bid through PARITY (including information about the principal amount of the Bonds, the price bid for the Bonds and any other information included in such transmission) as though the same information were

submitted on the "Proposal for Bonds" provided by the Borough and executed by a duly authorized signatory of the bidder. If a bid submitted electronically by PARITY is accepted by the Borough, the terms of the "Proposal for Bonds" and this Notice of Sale and the information that is electronically transmitted through PARITY shall form a contract, and the Successful Bidder or Bidders shall be bound by the terms of such contract.

- 2. PARITY is not an agent of the Borough, and the Borough shall have no liability whatsoever based on any bidder's use of PARITY, including but not limited to any failure by PARITY to correctly or timely transmit information provided by the Borough or information provided by the bidder.
- 3. The Borough may choose to discontinue use of electronic bidding via PARITY by issuing a notification to such effect via TM3 News Services, or by other available means, no later than 3:00 p.m., New Jersey time, on the last business date prior to the Bid Date.
- 4. Once the bids are communicated electronically via PARITY to the Borough as described above, each bid will constitute a Proposal for Bonds and shall be deemed to be an irrevocable offer to purchase the Bonds on the terms provided in this Notice of Sale. For purposes of submitting all Proposals for Bonds, whether by hand delivery or electronically via PARITY, the time as maintained on PARITY shall constitute the official time.
- 5. Each Bidder shall be solely responsible to make necessary arrangements to access PARITY for purposes of submitting its bid in a timely manner and in compliance with the requirements of this Notice of Sale. Neither the Borough nor i-Deal shall have any duty or obligation to provide or assure access to any bidder, and neither the Borough nor i-Deal shall be responsible for the proper operation of or have any liability for any delays or interruptions of, or any damages caused by PARITY. The Borough is using PARITY as a communication mechanism, and not as the Borough's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the Bonds. By using PARITY, each bidder agrees to hold the Borough harmless from any harm or damages caused to such bidder in connection with its use of PARITY for bidding on Bonds.

The right is reserved to reject all bids and any bid not complying with the terms of this notice may be rejected.

Each bidder is required to make a good faith deposit ("Deposit") in the form of a cash wire, a certified, cashier's or treasurer's check or a financial surety bond ("Financial Surety Bond") in the amount of \$100,240, payable to the Borough of Seaside Park. If a cash wire is used, the wire must be received by the Borough no later than **10:30 A.M.** on **March 27, 2024**. Wiring instructions for the Borough can be obtained by contacting the Borough's municipal advisor, at <a href="mainverso@muniadvisors.com">ainverso@muniadvisors.com</a> or (609) 291-0130. If a check is used, the check must be a certified or cashier's or treasurer's check drawn upon a bank or trust company and must be delivered to the Borough by no later than **10:30 A.M.** on **March 27, 2024**. Each bidder accepts responsibility for delivering such cash wire or check on time and the Borough is not responsible for any cash wire or check that is not received on time. If a Financial Surety Bond is used, the same must be from an insurance company licensed to issue such a bond in the State of New Jersey and approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community

Affairs and proof of such bond must be submitted to the Borough no later than 5:00 P.M. on March 26, 2024, by email to <a href="mailto:JTinnes@seasideparknj.org">JTinnes@seasideparknj.org</a> and <a href="mailto:wmayer@decotiislaw.com">wmayer@decotiislaw.com</a>. Use of any other Financial Surety Bond must be approved by the Director prior to the bid and will not be accepted by the Borough unless evidence of such approval is provided prior to the bid. The Financial Surety Bond must identify the bidder whose Deposit is guaranteed by such Financial Surety Bond. If the Bonds are awarded to a bidder utilizing a Financial Surety Bond, then that winning bidder shall be required to submit its Deposit to the Borough by wire transfer as instructed by the Borough not later than 3:30 P.M. on the next business day following the award. If such Deposit is not received by that time, the Financial Surety Bond may be drawn by the Borough to satisfy the Deposit requirement. When the successful bidder has been ascertained, all such Deposits shall be promptly returned to the persons making the same, except the cash wire, check or Financial Surety Bond of the successful bidder which shall be applied as partial payment for the Bonds or to secure the Borough from any loss resulting from the failure of the successful bidder to comply with the terms of its bid.

Award of the Bonds to the successful bidder or rejection of all bids is expected to be made promptly after opening of the bids. The successful bidder may withdraw its proposal after 5:30 P.M. on the day of such bid opening, but only if such award has not been made prior to the withdrawal.

The Bonds will be delivered through DTC on April 11, 2024, or such other date agreed to by the Borough and the successful bidder. PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS AT THE TIME OF THE CLOSING SHALL BE IN IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FEDERAL FUNDS.

The successful bidder may at its option refuse to accept the Bonds if prior to their delivery any income tax law of the United States of America shall provide that the interest thereon is includable in gross income for Federal income purposes, or shall be included at a future date for Federal income tax purposes, and in such case the deposit made by the bidder will be returned and the bidder will be relieved of the bidder's contractual obligations arising from the acceptance of the bidder's proposal.

If the Bonds qualify for issuance of any policy of municipal bond insurance, the purchaser of the Bonds may, at its sole option and expense, purchase such insurance. Any failure of the Bonds to be so insured shall not in any way relieve the purchaser of its contractual obligations arising from the acceptance of its proposal for the purchase of the Bonds.

It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Bonds, but neither the failure to print such number on any Bond nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for the failure or refusal of the successful bidder to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds. The Borough's municipal advisor shall be responsible for making the application for the assignment of CUSIP identification numbers. The CUSIP Global Services charges for the assignment of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the successful bidder.

The obligation hereunder to deliver and accept the Bonds shall be conditioned on the availability and the delivery at the time of delivery of the Bonds of: (a) the approving opinion of the law firm of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP, Paramus, New Jersey, Bond Counsel, which will be furnished without cost to the successful bidder, substantially to the effect set forth

in the Preliminary Official Statement referred to below; (b) certificates in form satisfactory to said law firm evidencing the proper execution and delivery of the Bonds and receipt of payment therefor, and compliance with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, necessary to preserve the tax exemption; (c) a certificate, in form and tenor satisfactory to said law firm and dated as of the date of such delivery, to the effect that there is no litigation pending or, to the knowledge of the signer or signers thereof, threatened affecting the validity of the Bonds; and (d) the Borough's Continuing Disclosure Certificate substantially in the form described in the Preliminary Official Statement.

A Preliminary Official Statement has been prepared and may be obtained at www.munihub.com or from the Borough's municipal advisor. The Preliminary Official Statement is deemed to be a "final official statement," as of its date, within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission but is subject to (a) completion with certain pricing and other information to be made available by the successful bidder for the Bonds and (b) amendment. The Preliminary Official Statement as so revised will constitute the "final official statement." By the submission of a bid for the Bonds, the successful bidder contracts for the receipt of a reasonable number of copies of the final Official Statement within seven business days of the award of the Bonds. In order to complete the final Official Statement, the successful bidder must furnish on behalf of the underwriter(s) of the Bonds the following information to Bond Counsel and the Borough by facsimile transmission or overnight delivery received by Bond Counsel and the Borough within 24 hours after the award of the Bonds: (a) initial offering prices or yields (expressed as percentages), (b) selling compensation (aggregate total, anticipated compensation to the underwriter(s) expressed in dollars), (c) the identity of the underwriters if the successful bidder is part of a group or syndicate, and (d) any other material information necessary for the final Official Statement, but not known to the Borough (such as the bidder's purchase of insurance or other credit enhancement). It shall also be the obligation of the successful bidder to furnish to DTC an underwriter's questionnaire and the denominations of the Bonds not less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the delivery of the Bonds.

In order to assist bidders in complying with SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(5), the Borough will undertake, pursuant to a Continuing Disclosure Certificate, to provide certain annual information and notices of the occurrence of certain events. A description of this undertaking is set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement and will also be set forth in the final Official Statement.

## Establishment of Issue Price for the Bonds

In the event the Borough receives at least three (3) bids for the Bonds, then the issue price for the Bonds shall be established based on the reasonably expected initial offering prices of the Bonds as of the Bid Date (the "Expected Offering Prices"). The Expected Offering Prices shall consist of the prices for each maturity of the Bonds used by the winning bidder in formulating its bid to purchase the Bonds. The winning bidder shall be required to deliver on the Closing Date a certificate to such effect and to provide to the Borough, in writing, the Expected Offering Prices as of the Bid Date.

In the event the Borough receives fewer than three (3) bids for the Bonds, then the issue price for the Bonds shall be established based on the following method as selected by the winning bidder on the Bid Date:

10% Sold: The issue price for the Bonds shall be established based on the first price at which at least 10% of each combined maturity of the Bonds was sold to the Public (as defined below). The winning bidder shall be required to deliver on the Closing Date a certificate to such effect and to provide to the Borough, in writing, evidence satisfactory to Bond Counsel to the Borough of such sales prices for each maturity of the Bonds. In the event that the winning bidder has not sold at least 10% of each maturity of the Bonds to the Public as of the Closing Date (each, an "Unsold Maturity"), the winning bidder shall (i) provide to the Borough, in writing, on the Closing Date, the Expected Offering Prices for each Unsold Maturity and a certificate regarding same and (ii) have a continuing obligation to provide to the Borough, in writing, evidence satisfactory to Bond Counsel to the Borough of the first price at which at least 10% of each Unsold Maturity is sold to the Public, contemporaneous with each such sale, until at least 10% of all such Unsold Maturities have been sold to the Public.

Hold-the-Price: The issue price for the Bonds shall be established based on the initial offering price of the Bonds to the Public as of the Bid Date, provided that the winning bidder shall, in writing, (i) confirm that the Underwriters have offered or will offer the Bonds to the public on or before the Bid Date at the offering price or 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 the Bonds to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price to the Public during the period starting on the Bid Date and ending on the earlier of: (1) the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the Bid Date or (2) the date on which the Underwriters have sold at least 10% of the Bonds to the Public at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the Public.

"Public" means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company or corporation) other than an Underwriter (as defined herein) or a related party to an Underwriter. The term "related party" generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50% common ownership, directly or indirectly. "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 Borough reserves the right to postpone, from time to time, the date and time established for the receipt of bids. Any such postponement shall be published on TM3 News Service, or by other available means, not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the sale. If any date fixed for receipt of bids and the sale of the Bonds is postponed, an alternative sale date will be announced via TM3 News Service, or by other available means, at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to such alternative date.

A Preliminary Official Statement may be obtained at www.munihub.com or from the Borough's municipal advisor, Phoenix Advisors, LLC, by phone at (609) 291-0130 or by email at ainverso@muniadvisors.com.

Dated: March 20, 2024 Joyce Tinnes, Chief Financial Officer Borough of Seaside Park, New Jersey