



City of Winston-Salem City Council  
**Council Agenda Item Summary**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance, Directing the Application to the Local Government Commission, and Requesting Local Government Commission Approval of Water and Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2026 in the Not to Exceed Amount of \$80,000,000</b>
City Council Committee	Committee of the Whole
Meeting Date	March 9, 2026
Staff Lead (Presenter)	Kelly Latham, Chief Financial Officer
Department Head	Kelly Latham, Chief Financial Officer
City Manager/ACM	Ben Rowe, ACM

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Recommended Council Action Suggested Action/ Motion Options	Resolution Approval I move to approve the Bond Order for the 2026 Water and Sewer Refunding Bonds, and to authorize city staff to carry out the necessary actions and application with the Local Government Commission.
Strategic Focus Area Strategic Plan Objective	Good Government GG2: Strengthening the Organization's Financial Practices and Position
Anticipated Fiscal Impact	Fiscal Impact Anticipated: See Analysis in Summary

**Summary of Information**

The City currently has Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds outstanding that were issued in 2016. The bonds have now reached the 10-year call period and may be refunded (refinanced). Interest rates are currently favorable, and staff recommends refinancing this debt with a negotiated sale in the public market on April 1, 2026, with a closing date of May 5, 2026.

The Bond Order allows city staff to move forward with refinancing the bonds on the sale date if the market conditions remain favorable. The bond order makes certain findings of fact, directs application to the Local Government Commission, authorizes engaging the financing team, establishes a not-to-exceed amount of \$80,000,000 and approves the form and execution of the below documents, which are on file with the City Clerk.

- Series Indenture
- Purchase Contract
- Preliminary Official Statement



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**Mission:** To provide impactful services that enhance the quality of life for current and future generations  
**Values:** Teamwork \* Responsibility \* Respect \* Integrity \* Customer Service

- Escrow Agreement

**Analysis of Fiscal Impact**

Refinancing the 2016 Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds will produce an estimated net present value savings of \$6 million over the next 14 years. This is a 7.2% net present value savings. The City’s financial policies state that the net present value savings on a refunding issue must be 3% or greater. The bonds will be paid from pledged revenues of the Water and Sewer system.

**Attachments**

Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of Water and Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bonds

Committee Action	COTW Approval
For: Unanimous	Against:
Remarks: Item #26-0103 initially submitted as a reference item, was discussed by the Committee of the Whole	