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Public Hearing on Norfolk Southern O-Line Corridor Acquisition Financing

Action:

A. Conduct a public hearing on approval of directly placed installment financing contract in an amount not to exceed $93,000,000, and

B. Adopt a resolution authorizing and approving a directly placed installment financing contract in an amount not to exceed $93,000,000.

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Explanation

- On September 3, 2024, City Council approved the acquisition of approximately 22 miles of the O-Line railroad right-of-way, track improvements, and other real property rights from Charlotte to the Mecklenburg County line in the amount of $74 million.
- On the same day, City Council also approved the purchase of approximately 1.6 acres of real property and any associated real property rights located near the Charlotte Gateway Station, in the amount of $17 million.
- This directly placed installment financing contract will reimburse the city for the acquisition costs related to Norfolk Southern O-Line Corridor for the Red Line Commuter Rail Project.
- The acquisition of the corridor protects the city and any future transit agency's rights to operate commuter rail to northern towns in Mecklenburg County. This action provides financing for this purchase.
- The North Carolina Local Government Commission is expected to review and approve the variable rate installment financing at their April 2025 meeting.

Fiscal Note
Funding: Municipal Debt Service Fund

Attachment(s)
Extracts from the Minutes of City Council
Resolution