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Prepared By: Dale V. Belcher, City Treasurer

Agenda Item No. C-1

Reviewed By: City Manager

City Attorney

Finance

Other N/A

DATE: September 4, 2008

TO: City Council

FROM: Dale V. Belcher, City Treasurer

SUBJECT: Investment Policy and Annual Report of Investment Activity

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council:

1. Approve the Investment Policy for the City of Oxnard.
2. Adopt a resolution delegating investment authority to the City Treasurer.

DISCUSSION

Mandated by Government Code Section 53646, as amended effective January 1996, this statement of investment policy is to be provided to the City Council at a public meeting. Although the State waived this mandate for the current year, the City Treasurer will continue to provide an investment report and an update of the Investment Policy following fiscal year end.

The Investment Policy (Attachment 1), which was awarded Certification of Excellence by the Municipal Treasurer's Association of the US & Canada, has been carefully reviewed. Minor changes have been made to reflect the growth of the portfolio average balances and a conservative approach in the current market. The Investment Policy has proven to be a document which provides direction with the flexibility to maintain portfolio performance in changing interest rate markets.

Investment Procedures

The City of Oxnard's portfolio is conservative and planned with safety of principal as the first objective followed by provision for funds when needed. Yield is important after these two objectives have been met. The portfolio is diversified as to type of investment, financial institution and maturity. Securities with maturities of more than thirty days are delivered to the City's third-party safekeeping account. City funds are consolidated in the pooled money investment fund to provide maximum investment opportunity. Analysis of cash-flow provides data for anticipated income, clearance of outstanding checks, and dates for extraordinary expenditures to manage liquidity requirements.

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Interest Earnings

Fiscal year 2007/08 brought drastic changes in the economy and interest rates. At fiscal year end 2007, the Federal Funds rate was 5.25 percent and this fiscal year ended at 2.00 percent. The downturn in the housing market was the beginning of a decline in the Federal Funds rate as the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) reduced the rate by 25 basis points in September, October and December. More drastic cuts were made in January and March, 75 basis points each with a final 25 basis point reduction in April. Rates have remained at 2.00 since April 30. There is minor speculation that a small increase may occur by calendar year end.

For FY 2007/08, the City earned an average of 4.68 percent compared with the LAIF average annual rate for the same period of 3.11 percent, and the two-year treasury market average of 3.08 percent. Portfolio duration averaged twenty three months versus twenty four months of the two year treasury benchmark. Total earnings of \*\$9,168,776 were produced from an average daily investment portfolio balance of \$197,226,643.

GASB Reporting Requirements

Quarterly portfolio reports, stating market value of each investment, have been presented to City Council. In addition to this reporting requirement, the difference between the book value and the market value of the portfolio is shown at yearend as either profit, when market value exceeds book value, or a loss. As stated in the investment policy, instruments are purchased with defined maturities and held to maturity thus receiving full value of the investment. Holding investments to maturity provides a stable portfolio with no actual loss of principal.

Effective Cash Management

The City Treasurer's Department coordinates with the Finance Department General Accounting and other departments for amounts and payment dates of bond, interest, and other wired payments as well as anticipated payroll and accounts payable disbursements to manage cash flow and liquidity needs.

California Municipal Treasurers' Association

The California Municipal Treasurer's Association (CMTA) is a valuable resource to the City. The Treasurer's participation continues on this state organization's Conference Planning Committee and Education Committee.

\* Adjustment at year-end closing may require minor modification to this amount.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT - None**

Attachment #1 - Statement of Investment Policy

#2 - Resolution

Note: The Statement of Investment Policy has been provided to the City Council. Copies are available for review at the Circulation Desk in the Library after 6:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the Council meeting and at the City Clerk's Office after 8:00 a.m. on Friday.

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD  
DELEGATING INVESTMENT AUTHORITY TO THE CITY TREASURER

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 1997, Government Code Section 53607 was amended to provide in part:

"The authority of the [city council]...to invest or to reinvest funds..., or to sell or exchange securities so purchased, may be delegated for a one-year period by the [city council]...to the [city] treasurer..., who shall thereafter assume full responsibility for those transactions until the delegation is revoked or expires, and shall make a monthly report of those transactions to the [city council] ... Subject to review, the [city council] ... may renew the delegation of authority pursuant to this section each year."

WHEREAS, on September 15, 1992, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 10,455, delegating to the City Treasurer the authority to invest and reinvest the City funds; and

WHEREAS, the City Council annually approves a Statement of Investment Policy for the City, which in Section 5.0 delegates to the City Treasurer authority to invest City funds; and

WHEREAS, it remains the intention of the City Council to delegate such authority to the City Treasurer.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oxnard resolves to delegate to the City Treasurer authority to invest and reinvest City funds and to sell or exchange securities so purchased; to reaffirm such delegation of authority contained in Resolution No. 10,455; and to state that the City Council's annual review and approval of a Statement of Investment Policy that includes such delegation of authority constitutes the City Council's delegation of such authority.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of September, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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Dr. Thomas E. Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Daniel Martinez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Alan Holmberg, Acting City Attorney

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