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Edmonds Sells Civic Park Bonds at Favorable Rate

Interest cost to City lower than expected

(Edmonds, WA) – On the heels of last week’s Standard & Poor’s award of its highest, “AAA” credit rating to the City of Edmonds, today’s sale of bonds for the development of Civic Park exceeded expectations, with a favorably low interest cost offered by the winning firm, Raymond James & Associates.

Seven firms submitted bids, with Raymond James coming out on top by submitting the lowest True Interest Cost offer of 2.188672%.

This low bid coincided with another key piece of news – the Federal Reserve’s decision this morning to cut its bench mark interest rate by 25 basis points (.25%) to the range of 1.5 to 1.75%.

The City initially estimated the annual debt service on the Civic Parks bonds to total \$244,000. But due to the factors mentioned above, the average annual debt service payments resulting from the Raymond James bid’s lower interest costs drop those debt service costs to \$234,138.

“We stated last week that the award of a triple-A credit rating would make our bonds a very attractive investment in the competitive municipal bond market. And that was borne out this morning with Raymond James’s favorable bid, which will result in real savings to the City of Edmonds to the tune of \$197,000 over the life of the bonds,” stated Finance Director Scott

James.

“I am delighted by good financial news two weeks in a row,” commented Mayor Dave Earling. “First we receive the coveted AAA credit rating and next thing you know it’s paying off in real terms for Edmonds and our residents.”

For more information on the bonds sale, please contact Finance Director, Scott James, at 425-775-7743 or via email at scott.james@edmondswa.gov

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