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## City Sells \$40.2 Million in Bonds

Harrisonburg, VA – The city of Harrisonburg recently sold general obligation bonds for the purpose of financing the construction of a new elementary school and pre-k facility, road improvements and bike/pedestrian trails near the school, and the replacement HVAC system at Thomas Harrison Middle School.

On April 26, the city sold a total of \$40,215,000 in general obligation bonds. The city's General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2016 sold at a true interest cost of 2.67%. Eight bids were received with Raymond James & Associates, Inc. offering the lowest interest rate.

In March of this year just before these bonds were issued, the city received affirmation of its strong financial stability by its bond rating agencies. The city received an AA rating from Standard & Poor's Rating Services (S&P) and an Aa2 rating from Moody's Investors Services.

A bond or credit rating process is undertaken when a locality plans to issue bonds in the municipal bond market. A bond rating represents an unbiased assessment of the credit worthiness of a locality's debt obligation in the public financial market. The higher the rating, the stronger the borrowing power and the lower the interest rates will be for capital projects funding.

To view additional information regarding the bonds, visit [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/budget-documents](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/budget-documents).

*The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 50,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov).*



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