

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE
AND
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY
AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES
COUNCIL 5**

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ARTICLE 1: RECOGNITION

A. The employer recognizes the UNION as the representative of all workers who are defined as public employees by Minn. Stat. 179A, excluding supervisory and confidential employees.

B. If the EMPLOYER establishes new job classes within the bargaining unit, both parties agree to negotiate on wages. All other terms and conditions of this AGREEMENT will apply.

ARTICLE 2: DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases will have the meanings given here and will apply throughout this policy. All other words and phrases used in this policy will maintain their generally accepted common meanings.

- A. ANNIVERSARY DATE -the month and date of an employee's initial hiring or promotion.
- B. EXEMPT EMPLOYEE -employees to whom the federal Fair Labor Standards Act does not apply. Generally, administrative, executive and professional employees are exempt employees.
- C. IMMEDIATE FAMILY -the employee's spouse parents, children, siblings, grandparents, grandchildren, similarly related step relations and in-laws.
- D. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT -persons or firms hired by the City who determine their own hours of operation or use their own resources in the performance of their duties. Independent contractors and consultants are not City employees.
- E. JUST CAUSE - the term shall mean any act of misconduct on the part of an employee, which will reasonably justify the imposition of discipline and further justifies the penalty imposed.
- F. NON-EXEMPT EMPLOYEE -employees to whom the federal Fair Labor Standards Act applies.
- G. OVERTIME -time worked by non-exempt employees in excess of 8 hours per day or forty (40) hours per week.
- H. PART-TIME EMPLOYEE
 - 1) REGULAR PART-TIME EMPLOYEE - an employee retained on a non-temporary basis who works less than forty (40) hours per week on a regular schedule throughout the year.
 - 2) NON-REGULAR PART-TIME EMPLOYEE - an employee retained on a temporary basis who works less than forty (40) hours per week on an irregular schedule throughout the year.

- I. REGULAR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE - an employee retained on a non-temporary basis who works forty (40) hours or more per week on a regular schedule throughout the year.
- J. STEWARD - An employee designated by the UNION for the purposes of communicating with the EMPLOYER on matters of interest to either party; and representing bargaining unit members in the union grievance process.
- K. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL EMPLOYEE - an employee retained to fill a full-time or part-time position which is of a provisional or seasonal nature.
- L. TERMINATION - a complete separation of an employee from City employment. Termination can be voluntary, through resignation or retirement, or involuntary, through discharge by the City.
- M. UNION - The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 5.

ARTICLE 3: NON-DISCRIMINATION

It is the City's policy to provide equal employment opportunity to all employees and applicants for employment in accordance with all applicable equal employment opportunity-affirmative action laws, directives and regulations of Federal, State and Local governing bodies or agencies thereof.

ARTICLE 4: UNION SECURITY

- A. In recognition of the UNION as the exclusive representative:
 - A.1 The EMPLOYER shall deduct an amount sufficient to provide the payment of regular dues established by the UNION from the wages of all employees authorizing, in writing, such deduction on a form designated and furnished for such purpose by the UNION. The employer will deduct a "fair-share" fee according to Minn. Stat. 179A from the wages of those employees choosing not to join the union and provide the fair share fee to the union through an equivalent process. Only the duly certified exclusive representative shall be granted payroll deduction of dues and fair share fees for employees covered by this AGREEMENT.
 - A.2 The EMPLOYER shall remit such deductions monthly to the appropriate designated officer of the UNION with a list of the names of the employees from whose wages deductions were made.
 - A.3 The UNION shall certify to the EMPLOYER, in writing, the current amount of regular dues to be withheld and any fair share assessments authorized by law.

- A.4 Such dues deductions shall be canceled by the EMPLOYER upon written request by the employee, at which time a fair share fee will be deducted as authorized by law.
- A.5 The EMPLOYER shall, upon request of the UNION, make available to the UNION a report listing all employees included in the bargaining unit as identified by the article herein titled "Recognition." Such report shall contain the name, classification, pay rate, work unit and mailing address of record.
- B. The UNION agrees to indemnify and hold the EMPLOYER harmless against any and all claims, suits, orders or judgments brought or issued against the EMPLOYER as a result of any action taken or not taken under the provisions of this article.
- C. The UNION may designate certain employees from the bargaining unit to act as stewards and shall, within thirty (30) days of the execution of this AGREEMENT and upon occurrence of any change thereafter, certify to the EMPLOYER a current list of business representatives, officers and stewards who are authorized by the UNION to investigate and present grievances to the EMPLOYER. The EMPLOYER agrees to recognize such representatives for the purpose of investigating and presenting grievances to the EMPLOYER subject to the following stipulations:
 - C.1 Not more than one employee representative (steward or officer) will be authorized time off with pay to investigate or present any one grievance matter to the EMPLOYER. Nothing in this clause is intended to limit the number of UNION stewards who may request to use their own time (vacation, compensatory, or time without pay) to investigate and present grievances.
 - C.2 Employee stewards and officers may leave their work stations with the concurrence of their designated supervisor(s), and they shall notify their designated supervisor(s) upon return to their work stations. Concurrence of the supervisor to leave a workstation for UNION business will be limited to the investigation and presentation of grievances to the EMPLOYER.
 - C.3 One employee representative (steward or officer) of the UNION shall receive paid time off to participate in contract negotiations and meet and confer meetings.

- C.4 The EMPLOYER shall make reasonable adjustments to the workloads of employee representatives of the UNION who receive paid time off for UNION related activities under the provisions of subsections A, B, and C, above.
- D. Non-employee business representatives of the UNION as previously designated to the EMPLOYER as provided herein may, with concurrence of the EMPLOYER, come on the premises of the EMPLOYER for the purpose of investigating and presenting grievances.
- E. The UNION may use the EMPLOYERS facilities for UNION business with prior approval of the EMPLOYER.
- F. The EMPLOYER agrees to allow the UNION to use designated bulletin boards for the purpose of posting notices of UNION meetings, UNION elections, UNION election returns, UNION appointments to office, UNION recreational and social affairs, arbitration awards, decisions of the Bureau of Mediation Services and the courts, and other items authorized by signature of union officers. All posted materials must be UNION publication or legibly signed by an authorized UNION officer.
- G. Nothing in this AGREEMENT shall be construed to affect the status of veterans in contravention of existing veterans preference laws relating to the employment, discharge or promotion of veterans.
- H. The EMPLOYER shall allow officially designated union officers a 20-minute period within the new employee orientation period to brief new bargaining members on the union and to provide a copy of this AGREEMENT and any other official materials authorized by union officers.

ARTICLE 5: MEET AND CONFER

At least once each month or as often as mutually agreed upon, the parties will meet and confer to discuss non-negotiable items such as health and safety, work rules and procedures, and other items which are mutually agreed upon.

ARTICLE 6: SENIORITY

- A. Seniority is an employee's length of service for the EMPLOYER from the most recent date of employment, re-employment or reinstatement.

- A.1 Seniority is not interrupted during the period an employee is on approved leave, including leave for UNION business or layoff, if the employee returns to active work status having complied with all the terms and conditions of this AGREEMENT and the conditions the EMPLOYER established in approving the leave.
 - A.2 An employee appointed to a permanent position in the same job class and department as he/she was employed as a temporary employee shall have seniority for purposes of layoff and recall from the employee's most recent date of hire as a temporary employee, provided such temporary and permanent appointments are contiguous and sequential.
- B. Seniority lists shall contain the names of bargaining unit employees by class arranged in order of most to least senior. Upon request of the UNION, the EMPLOYER shall establish a seniority list for all bargaining unit members.
- C. The City Council may layoff any employee whenever such action becomes necessary in the city council's judgment, including shortage of work funds, the abolition of a position, or changes in organization; provided, however, that fourteen (14) days written notice be given if practicable. No regular or probationary employee shall be laid off while there is a temporary employee serving in the same class of position or for which the regular or probationary employee is qualified, eligible and available. Any regular employee, upon receiving a lay-off notice, may request to be reduced to a lower paid position within the same department if the lower paid position is vacant and the employee held the position previously. The request to be reduced must be submitted in writing within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the notification of lay-off. Except in those instances where senior employees are not qualified to perform remaining work duties, seniority shall determine the order of:
- C.1 Layoff, (which shall be in inverse order of seniority with the City).
 - C.2 Recall from layoff, (which shall be in order of seniority with the city, provided that if an employee does not return to work upon recall, as directed by the EMPLOYER or on an extended date mutually acceptable to the employee and EMPLOYER, he/she shall automatically have terminated his/her employment). Notice of recall from layoff shall be made by certified mail to the employees last known address as shown by the employer's

records. The employee will have 14 days to respond to this recall notice before recall rights to the position are waived.

- D. The most senior employee with the minimum qualifications for an open position will receive first choice of whether or not to take that position.

ARTICLE 7: DISCIPLINE

- A. The EMPLOYER will discipline employees only for just cause. The employer will follow the principle of progressive discipline wherever practicable.
- B. Discipline, when administered, will be in one or more of the following forms and normally in the following order:
 - 1. Oral Reprimand
 - 2. Written Reprimand
 - 3. Suspension
 - 4. Discharge or disciplinary demotion.
- C. If the EMPLOYER has reason to reprimand any employee, it shall normally not be done in the presence of other employees or the public.
- D. Written reprimands, disciplinary suspensions, disciplinary demotions or discharge of permanent employees may be appealed up to and through the arbitration step of the grievance procedure contained in this AGREEMENT. The employer will notify the union promptly of all such disciplinary actions.
- E. Investigations, which do not result in disciplinary actions, shall not be entered into the employee's personnel records. A written record of all disciplinary actions shall be entered into the employee's personnel record. All disciplinary entries in the personnel office record shall normally state the corrective action expected of the employee.
 - E.1 An employee who is reprimanded in writing, suspended, demoted for disciplinary reasons, or discharged shall be furnished with a copy of notice of such disciplinary action.
 - E.2 Employees shall have access to information contained in their personnel records in accordance with the provisions of the Data Practices Act, as mentioned.

F. Employees will not be questioned concerning an administrative investigation of disciplinary action more serious than a written warning unless the employee has been given an opportunity to have a UNION representative present at such questioning. When mutually agreeable, the UNION shall have the right to take up a suspension, demotion, and/or discharge as a grievance at the second step of the grievance procedure, and the matter shall be handled in accordance with this procedure through the arbitration step if deemed necessary.

G. Disciplinary action shall be taken in a timely manner.

ARTICLE 8: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A grievance shall be defined as a dispute or disagreement raised by an employee against the EMPLOYER involving the interpretation or application of the specific provisions of this AGREEMENT.

A. **Step One: Oral report.** The employee or union representative will discuss the grievance with his or her supervisor or the designated personnel representative within 10 working days of the incident or the time the employee learned of the incident. The supervisor shall give his/her oral or written answer within 10 working days after the employee or representative has presented the grievance.

B. **Step Two: Hearing.** If the grievance is not satisfactorily resolved in Step one and the UNION wishes to appeal the grievance to Step two of the grievance procedure, it shall be referred, in writing, to the City Administrator within 10 working days after the designated supervisor's answer. The grievance appeal shall be initiated by means of a written grievance which shall set forth the nature of the grievance, the facts on which it is based, the provisions of the AGREEMENT allegedly violated, and the relief requested. The City Administrator shall discuss the grievance with the employee and the UNION within 10 working days after the date presented at a time agreeable to the parties. The City Administrator and/or his/her designated representative shall give written answer to the employee and the UNION representative within 10 working days following their meeting, or two days subsequent to the next meeting of the City Council, whichever is greater.

C. Grievance time frames may be extended with the mutual consent of the parties. If a grievance is unresolved at Step two, the parties may agree to seek a mediated settlement through Minnesota Bureau of Mediation Services. Any fees and expenses for the Mediator's services and proceedings shall

be borne equally by the EMPLOYER and the UNION, provided that each party shall be responsible for compensating its own representatives and witnesses. Employees who serve as such representatives or witnesses shall not be compensated at a rate in excess of their base pay rate.

- D. **Step Three: ARBITRATION** -If the grievance is not settled in accordance with the foregoing procedure, the UNION and employee may refer the grievance to arbitration within fourteen (14) calendar days after the employee and UNION'S receipt of the EMPLOYER'S written answer in Step two.

The parties shall mutually agree upon an arbitrator. If the parties are unable to agree on an arbitrator, the selection of an arbitrator shall be made in accordance with the "Rule Governing the Arbitration of Grievances" as established by the Public Employment Relations Board and administered by the State of Minnesota Bureau of Mediation Services.

The arbitrator shall hear the grievance at a scheduled meeting subject to the availability of the EMPLOYER and the UNION representatives. The arbitrator shall inform the employee, the UNION representative and the EMPLOYER of his/her decision within thirty (30) calendar days following the close of the hearing or submission of briefs by the parties, whichever is later, unless the parties agree to an extension thereof.

The fees and expenses for the arbitrator's services and proceedings shall be borne equally by the EMPLOYER and the UNION, provided that each party shall be responsible for compensating its own representatives and witnesses. Employees who serve as such representatives or witnesses shall not be compensated at a rate in excess of their base pay rate. If either party desires a verbatim record of the proceedings, it may cause such a record to be made, provided it pays for the record. If both parties desire a verbatim record of the proceedings, the cost shall be shared equally.

The arbitrator shall not have the right to amend, modify, nullify, ignore, add to, or subtract from the provisions of this AGREEMENT. The arbitrator shall consider and decide only the specific issue(s) submitted, in writing, by the EMPLOYER and the employee/UNION, and shall have no authority to make a decision on any other issue(s) not so submitted. The arbitrator shall be without power to make decisions contrary to or inconsistent with or modifying or varying in any way the application of laws, rules or regulations having the force and effect of law. The decision shall be based solely upon the arbitrator's interpretation or application

of the express terms of this AGREEMENT and on the facts of the grievance presented.

The parties may, by written agreement, agree to submit more than one grievance to the arbitrator provided that each grievance will be considered as a separate issue and each on its own merits. If a grievance is not presented within the time limits set forth above, it shall be considered waived. If a grievance is not appealed to the next step within the specified time limit or any agreed extension thereof, it shall be considered settled on the basis of the EMPLOYERS last answer. If the EMPLOYER does not answer a grievance or an appeal thereof within the specified time limits, the employee and the UNION may elect to treat the grievance as denied at that step and immediately appeal the grievance to the next step. The time limit in each step may be extended by mutual written agreement of the EMPLOYER and UNION representatives involved in each step.

The grievant shall not suffer loss of regular pay. The presence of the grievant is necessary at a grievance presentation meeting with the EMPLOYER or an Arbitrator, except where such grievance presentation meeting or arbitration hearing occurs during the period the grievant has been removed from his/her job for disciplinary reasons.

ARTICLE 9: NO STRIKE-NO LOCKOUT

- A. In recognition of the provisions included in this AGREEMENT for a grievance procedure to be used for resolution of disputes, the UNION agrees that neither the UNION, its officers or agents, nor any of the employees covered by this AGREEMENT will engage in, encourage, sanction, support or suggest any strikes, slow downs, mass absenteeism, mass use of sick leave, the willful absence from one's position, the stoppage of work or the abstinence in whole or in part of the full, faithful and proper performance of the duties of employment. Any violation of any provisions of this Article may be cause for disciplinary action up to and including discharge.
- B. No lockout shall be instituted by the EMPLOYER during the life of this AGREEMENT provided Section A of this article is not violated by employees or the UNION.

ARTICLE 10: WORK SCHEDULES

The normal hours of work for all employees will be established by the City Administrator. Department heads and supervisory

employees are required to work all hours necessary to perform their duties.

- A. Part-time and Temporary Employees' Work Schedules. The City shall provide temporary, seasonal and non-regular part-time employees with an advance approximation of hours to be worked during the upcoming year at the time of hiring whenever possible. This approximation is not a guarantee of those hours but rather a guideline subject to change at the City's discretion.
- B. Rest Breaks. An employee is entitled to take one fifteen (15) minute rest break during each consecutive four (4) hour period of work with the permission of the employee's immediate supervisor. Rest breaks should be scheduled to avoid disrupting City business. An employee may take an unpaid 30-minute lunch break.
- C. Call Back. An employee called in for work at a time other than the employees' normal scheduled shift will be compensated for a minimum of two (2) hours pay. That compensation will be at straight time until total hours worked for the week exceeds 40 or in excess of eight (8) on any given day, at which time the employee will receive payment at the overtime rate.
- D. On Call/Standby. Employees required to remain on standby will be compensated for all hours worked, and will receive additional time at regular pay for each eight hours (8) hours on standby. Monday through Friday, employee will receive an additional one-half hour of regular pay for each eight (8) hours on standby. Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays, employees will receive 3.5 hours of regular pay for each day on standby. Employees who are on standby must be able to be within City limits as soon as possible and no later than 45 minutes when called, in normal circumstances. Standby duties may be contracted to an outside service provider at any time.
- E. Flex Time Scheduling. The City Administrator and local union may mutually agree to a flex time scheduling plan. Existing flex time scheduling plans remain in effect unless the local union or appointing authority notifies the other of its intent to terminate.

ARTICLE 11: OVERTIME AND COMPENSATORY TIME

- A. All non-exempt employees are eligible for overtime pay. Overtime will be paid at a rate of one and one half times the regular hourly rate of pay for hours worked in excess of 8 on any given day or each hour worked over forty (40) hours in a given work week. Overtime work must have prior approval by an employee's immediate supervisor or the designated personnel representative except in the case of emergencies.
- B. All paid leave time shall be considered time worked for the purpose of computing overtime.
- C. Compensatory time off may be available to non-exempt employees at the City's option as an alternative to overtime pay. If available, non-exempt employees are eligible for compensatory time off at the rate of one and one-half hour for each hour worked in excess of forty (40) hours per week. Compensatory time off must be used within two (2) weeks of the date or dates on which it is accrued unless permission is received from the City Administrator to use it on a later date. No compensatory time off is available unless the employee has received approval from his or her supervisor or the City Administrator before the work is performed.
- D. Exempt employees may flex their work schedule within the eighty (80) hour bi-weekly pay period provided they receive supervisory approval. When an exempt employee has an emergent, unanticipated work need and prefers to subsequently flex the time, he/she may work the necessary time without prior supervisory approval. Exempt employees may earn compensatory time on an hour for hour basis for hours worked in excess of eighty (80) in a bi-weekly pay cycle and such time must be used within one month of accrual. It is understood that the earning of compensatory time does not affect or change the employee's status with regard to the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act. Accumulated compensatory time for exempt employees will not be paid out under any circumstance.

ARTICLE 12: BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY

Only regular full-time and regular part-time employees are eligible for benefits. Non-regular part-time employees, temporary and seasonal employees, and independent contractors and consultants are not eligible for benefits provided by the City. Regular full-time employees are eligible for full benefits. Regular part-time employees are eligible for holiday, vacation and sick leave benefits in proportion to the hours they work per week:

Under 20 hours per week	Holidays & Sick leave at 1/4 benefits
20 to 30 hours per week	1/2 benefits
30 to 40 hours per week	3/4 benefits
40 or more hours per week	Full benefits

ARTICLE 13: HOLIDAYS

The following days are observed paid holidays:

New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King Day	3rd Monday in January
Presidents' Day	3rd Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Juneteenth	June 19
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	1st Monday in September
Veteran's Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	4th Thursday in November
The day following Thanksgiving Day	4th Friday in November
Christmas Eve Day	December 24
Christmas Day	December 25

- A. Whenever one of the above holidays falls on a Saturday, the preceding day will be observed as a holiday. Whenever one of the above holidays falls on a Sunday, the following day will be observed as a holiday.
- B. Holiday pay will be for all employees covered by this Agreement. They will receive pay for the regular amount of scheduled hours. Any employee who works on a holiday will be paid at the rate of one and one-half their regular hourly rate of pay for all hours worked.
- C. Personal Holidays: Full-time employees shall also receive one (1) personal holiday per year. The date of such personal holiday shall be approved by the EMPLOYER. Personal holidays shall be taken during the calendar year earned.

ARTICLE 14: VACATION

Vacation may be used as earned after the probationary period has been satisfactorily completed. Vacation is computed based on the employee's anniversary date.

- A. Accumulation. Vacation for regular full-time employees is accumulated as shown, based on the number of years of employment with the City:

0 through 5 years of service - 3.08 hours per pay period to a maximum of 10 days per year.

6 through 10 years of service - 4.62 hours per pay period to a maximum of 15 days per year.

Employees with more than 10 years of service with the City will accrue an additional .31 hours per pay period for each year of service starting the eleventh (11) year up to twenty (20) years.

Employees hired before April 26, 2016 may carry over twice their annual vacation-earning rate up to 320 hours. Employees hired after April 26, 2016 may carry over twice their annual rate of vacation up to 240 hours. Any unused vacation time in excess of this amount will be forfeited unless other provisions are made by the city Administrator. Regular full-time employees must use at least five (5) days of vacation time during each year of City employment. The word "day" implies a nominal eight-hour shift.

- B. Requests. Vacation time must be requested at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance. Vacation requests must be approved by the city administrator and may be denied in the event of an emergency or if taking a vacation at that time would impair the City's ability to carry out its business.
- C. Legal Holidays during Vacation. Whenever a legal holiday falls on a working day during an employee's vacation, that holiday will not be counted as a vacation day.
- D. Any employee leaving the City in good standing shall be compensated for vacation leave accrued and unused to the date of separation. Fifty percent of the vacation leave accrual will be contributed to the health care savings plan upon separation.

ARTICLE 15: INSURANCE

All regular full and part-time employees may be covered by a group health, dental, life, short-term disability and long-term disability insurance plan as approved, from time to time, by the City Council. A portion of the monthly premium costs of such insurance plan may be paid by the Municipality, such portion to be negotiated by the EMPLOYER and the UNION. The balance of the premium costs shall be paid by the employee. The Employer will also offer a deferred compensation plan.

The Employer will provide, as part of the group insurance plan, basic life insurance coverage equal to the annual salary of the employee, up to \$50,000 of annual salary and basic long-term

disability insurance. Additional units of insurance may be purchased by the employee as permitted by the Insurance Carrier.

Effective January 1, 2023, the Employer will increase by fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month, its maximum contribution to the cost of group insurance. The City will contribute up to a maximum of one thousand two-hundred eighty-five dollars (\$1,285) per month per employee for group health, dental, life, short-term and long-term disability insurance.

Effective January 1, 2024, the Employer will increase by fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month, its maximum contribution to the cost of group insurance. The City will contribute up to a maximum of one thousand three hundred thirty-five dollars (\$1,335) per month per employee for group health, dental, life, short-term and long-term disability insurance.

Effective January 1, 2025, the Employer will increase by fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month, its maximum contribution to the cost of group insurance. The City will contribute up to a maximum of one thousand three hundred eighty-five dollars (\$1,385) per month per employee for group health, dental, life, short-term and long-term disability insurance.

Should the employee's insurance selections total less than the Employer's maximum contribution, the employee may contribute the unused compensation in a deferred compensation plan, health savings accounts, or health care savings plan.

The Employer and the Union further agree to engage in labor-management discussions and planning with regard to future citywide health insurance offerings.

In the event health insurance provisions of this agreement fail to meet the requirements of the Affordable Care Act and its related regulations, the Union and the Employer will meet immediately to negotiate alternative provisions. Should the Affordable Care Act and/or changes to the Affordable Care Act and its related regulations cause the Employer to be subject to a penalty, tax, or fine, the Union and the Employer will immediately meet and, upon written mutual agreement of the parties, negotiate alternative provisions.

DEFERRED COMPENSATION

Should an employee have their primary insurance provided by an outside entity, such as a spouse's employer, the employee may elect for contributions to a deferred compensation fund in an amount based on benefit eligibility. In order to qualify, the

employee must provide proof of insurance. Each month, the Employer shall pay into full time employees' deferred compensation funds an amount equal to the cost provided for group insurance as described in Article 15. Part time employees' deferred compensation will be proportional to their benefit eligibility.

At no time can the cost to the Employer for group insurance plus deferred compensation exceed the maximum insurance contribution defined in Article 15.

ARTICLE 16: WAGES

Step System: Employees shall receive a one step increase at 6 months, and another step at the anniversary of their first year of employment. Employees will receive a one increment increase annually thereafter upon the anniversary of their hire up to the 5th step.

2023 Pay Increase: Employees shall receive a 3% pay increase effective January 1, 2023.

2024 Pay Increase: Employees shall receive a 3% pay increase effective January 1, 2024.

2025 Pay Increase: Employees shall receive a 3% pay increase effective January 1, 2025.

In 2023, in addition to the 3% wage increase, there is a market adjustment for positions that do not meet the 95% benchmark for the percentage minimum and the 100% benchmark for the percentage maximum. This amends the wage scale for the assistant to the city administrator, deputy clerk, and the public works coordinator positions. Positions above the benchmarks are not reduced.

ARTICLE 17: AUTO-ALLOWANCE

Employees authorized to use their personal vehicles on City business will be reimbursed for vehicle expenses at rates set under federal guidelines.

When employees possess specialized equipment (snowplows, bobcats, etc.), the City cannot require employees to donate the use of that equipment, and must negotiate a rental fee that is acceptable to employees.

ARTICLE 18: UNIFORMS

The employer will provide appropriate uniforms, outer clothing and footwear required by OSHA to field workers (pants and shirts). The employer will provide two city logo shirts to non-field employees each year.

ARTICLE 19: SICK LEAVE

Sick leave may be used as earned upon appointment to City employment.

A. Accrual.

1. Sick leave will accrue for regular full-time employees hired before April 26, 2016 at the rate of one (1) day per calendar month and may be accrued to a maximum of ninety (90) days.

2. Sick leave will accrue for employees hired after April 26, 2016 at a rate of one (1) day per calendar month and may be accrued to a maximum of sixty (60) days.

B. Use of Sick Leave.

1. When an employee is unable to perform work duties due to illness or disability (including pregnancy).

2. For medical, dental or other care provider appointments.

3. When an employee has been exposed to a contagious disease of such a nature that his/her presence at the work place could endanger the health of others.

4. To care for the employee's injured or ill children, including stepchildren or foster children, of such reasonable periods as the employee's attendance with the child may be necessary.

5. To take children, or other family members to medical, dental or other care provider appointments.

6. To care for an ill spouse, father, mother, sister or brother.

C. An employee must request sick leave from his or her immediate supervisor before the start of the employee's workday on each day-sick leave is used. An employee may be requested to file a physician's statement, signed by the physician and the employee, indicating the nature of his or her illness.

D. Upon separation of employment from the Employer, for any reason other than discharge for just cause, the employee or their designated beneficiary shall be paid one-half (1/2) of all unused accumulated sick leave, provided that the employee has ten (10) years of continuous service with the employer at the time of separation.

E. Employees may contribute up to four (4) days of sick leave annually to a health care savings plan after the probationary period has been satisfactorily completed. The contributions will be processed the first payroll in December.

Employees that qualify for the sick leave benefit noted in Section D will contribute one hundred percent of the benefit to the HCSP upon separation.

ARTICLE 20: FUNERAL LEAVE

An employee receives three (3) days paid leave to attend to the funeral of a member of the employee's immediate family. Funeral leave must be taken on consecutive working days, one of which is the day of death or the day of the funeral. If extended time is necessary, such time may be granted by the City Administrator and will be taken as sick, vacation, unpaid or a combination thereof.

ARTICLE 21: LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY

Upon request, a leave of absence without pay may be granted by the City Council for a period of up to ninety (90) days for regular full-time employees.

ARTICLE 22: COURT DUTY

Any regular full-time or regular part-time employee who is required to serve as a juror or as a witness in court regarding City business shall be granted leave with pay while serving in such capacity. Upon completion of jury duty, the employee shall reimburse the City for the amount of jury duty pay, less the amount received for traveling expenses.

ARTICLE 23: MILITARY LEAVE

All employees subject to Minnesota Statute Section 192.26 or 192.261 or U.S.C.A., Title 38, Section 2021 are entitled to the benefits and conditions listed therein.

ARTICLE 24: ELECTION DAYS

Any employee who is entitled to vote in any statewide general election or at any election to fill a vacancy in the office of representative in Congress, may absent himself/herself from his/her work for the purpose of voting during such election day for a period not to exceed two (2) hours without deduction from

salary on account of such absence, provided the employee has made prior arrangements for the absence with the EMPLOYER. Any employee making claim for time off for voting and not casting a ballot or utilizing the time off for unauthorized purposes shall be subject to disciplinary action.

ARTICLE 25: SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

- A. This AGREEMENT shall represent the complete agreement between the UNION and EMPLOYER. The parties acknowledge that during the negotiations which resulted in this AGREEMENT each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make requests and proposals with respect to any subject or matter not removed by law from the area of collective bargaining, and that the complete understandings and agreements arrived at by the parties after the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this AGREEMENT.
- B. Therefore, the EMPLOYER and the UNION, for the life of this AGREEMENT each voluntarily and unqualifiedly waives the right and each agrees that the other shall not be obligated to bargain collectively with respect to any subject or matter referred to or covered in this AGREEMENT or with respect to any subject or matter not specifically referred to or covered in this AGREEMENT, even though such subject or matter may not have been within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both of the parties at the time that they negotiated or signed this AGREEMENT.

ARTICLE 26: DURATION

- A. This contract shall become effective January 1, 2023 and shall continue in full force and effect up to and including December 31, 2025.
- B. Any and all prior agreements, resolutions, practices, policies, rules and regulations regarding terms and conditions of employment, to the extent inconsistent with the provisions of this contract, are hereby superseded.
- C. Either party desiring to terminate or modify this contract must notify the other party in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to December 31, 2025 for wages and conditions of employment for calendar year 2026 or beyond. A notice of desire to modify this contract shall set forth specifically all proposed modifications sought by the party and all clauses of this contract for which no modification is sought shall be renewed automatically.

D. Negotiations with respect to proposed modifications may commence at any time after notice of proposed modifications has been given.

ARTICLE 27: SAVINGS CLAUSE

This AGREEMENT is subject to the laws of the United States, the State of Minnesota, and Ramsey County. In the event any provisions of this AGREEMENT shall be held to be contrary to law by a court of competent jurisdiction an administrative ruling, or legislation or administrative regulation, such provision shall be voided. All other provisions shall continue in full force and effect. Upon written request of either party, the parties shall meet and negotiate on a substitute provision for the voided provisions.

UNION

By:  Dated: 4/17/2023
Jolene Catudio, AFSCME Co. 5, Field Representative

By:  Dated: 4-11-23
James Bownik, City of Lauderdale, Steward AFSCME Local 2725

CITY OF LAUDERDALE

By:  Dated: 4-11-23
Mary Gaasch, Mayor, City of Lauderdale

By:  Dated: 4-11-23
Heather Butkowski, City Administrator, City of Lauderdale