# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

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BETWEEN
LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION
OF NORTH AMERICA,
LOCAL 777, AFL-CIO
AND
CITY OF PHOENIX
COVERING
FIELD UNIT I

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## **PREAMBLE**

Whereas the well-being and morale of employees of the City are benefited by providing employees an opportunity to participate in the formulation of policies and practices affecting the wages, hours and working conditions of their employment; and

Whereas the parties hereby acknowledge that the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter "Memorandum") are not intended to abrogate the authority and responsibility of City government provided for under the statutes of the State of Arizona or the charter or ordinances of the City except as expressly and lawfully modified herein; and

Whereas the parties agree that the Phoenix Employment Relations Board (PERB) unit certification reflects that there exists a clear and identifiable community of interest among employees covered by this Memorandum; and

Whereas the parties, through their designated representatives, met and conferred in good faith pursuant to the Meet and Confer Ordinance in order to reach agreement concerning wages, hours, and working conditions of employees in Field Unit I; and

Whereas it is understood by the parties that any hours or fractions of hours spent outside the employee's work shift in pursuit of rights and benefits provided by this Memorandum, shall not be counted as hours or time worked for the purpose of calculating and paying overtime;

Now therefore, the City of Phoenix, hereinafter referred to as the "City" and Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 777, AFL-CIO, hereinafter referred to as the "Union", having reached this complete agreement concerning wages, hours and working conditions for the term specified, the parties submit this Memorandum to the City Council of the City of Phoenix with their joint recommendation that the body resolve to adopt its terms.

## **ARTICLE 1: RIGHTS**

## **Section 1-1. Purpose**

It is the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter "MOU") to continue and maintain harmonious relations, cooperation and understanding between the City and its employees; and to set forth the full and entire understanding of the parties reached as a result of good faith meeting and conferring regarding wages, hours, terms and conditions of employment of the employees covered hereby, which understanding the parties intend jointly to submit and recommend for approval and implementation to the Mayor and City Council.

## Section 1-1A. Recognition

The City of Phoenix recognizes Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 777, AFL-CIO, (hereinafter "Union") as the sole and exclusive meet and confer agent pursuant to the Meet and Confer Ordinance for all regular employees in positions as certified or hereafter certified by the Phoenix Employment Relations Board (PERB) as constituting Field Unit I. This includes the following positions in Unit I:

All regular full-time and part-time field employees employed by the following City of Phoenix Departments: (1) City Clerk – Mail Room, (2) Human Services – Laborers, (3) Parks & Recreation – Division Operations, Sports and Turf Management, Specialized Maintenance, and Aquatics Division, (4) Public Transit – Minibus Operators, (5) Public Works – Solid Waste Collections and Disposal Divisions, Landfill Operations and Transfer Stations, and (6) Street Transportation – Street Maintenance Division, Sign Manufacturing, Street Marking and Parking Meter Sections.

Whenever any words used herein in the masculine, feminine or neuter, they shall be construed as though they were also used in another gender in all cases where they would so apply.

The City will notify the Union, in writing, thirty (30) calendar days in advance before any new position or classification is placed permanently within any Field Unit. The parties agree to consult on the inclusion or exclusion of new classification(s) in Unit I and will thereafter refer any such matter to PERB for appropriate action.

If any conflict exists between the language in the Administrative Regulations or employment/department rule and the language of this MOU, the MOU shall prevail.

# Section 1-2. City and Department Rights

- **A.** The Union recognizes that the City has and will continue to retain, whether exercised or not, the sole and exclusive right to operate, administer and manage its municipal services and work force performing those services in all respects except as expressly modified by this MOU.
- **B.** The City Manager and Department Heads have and will continue to retain exclusive decision-making authority on matters not officially and expressly modified by specific provisions of this MOU, and such decision making shall not be in any way, directly or indirectly, subject to the grievance procedure contained herein.
- C. The exclusive rights of the City shall include, but not be limited to, the right to determine the organization of City government and the purpose and mission of its constituent agencies, to set standards of service to be offered to the public, and through its management officials to exercise control and discretion over its organization and operations, to establish and effect Administrative Regulations and employment rules and regulations, consistent with law and the specific provisions of this MOU to direct its employees, to take disciplinary action for just cause, to relieve its employees from duty because of lack of work or for other legitimate reasons, to determine the methods, means and personnel by which the City's services are to be provided, including the right to schedule and assign work and overtime, and to otherwise act in the interest of efficient service to the community. Nothing herein shall be construed to diminish the rights of the City under the Meet and Confer Ordinance.

# **Section 1-3: Union Rights**

**A.** No employee shall suffer reprisal for the exercise of rights granted by this MOU.

#### **B.** Union Release

The Phoenix community benefits from harmonious and cooperative relationships between the City and its employees. The City and LIUNA Local 777 have negotiated full-time release positions, and release hours, as an efficient and readily available point of contact for addressing labor-management concerns. Examples of work performed by the release positions in support of the City include ensuring representation for unit employees during administrative investigations and grievance/disciplinary appeal meetings with management; participating in collaborative labor-management initiatives that benefit the City and the unit members; serving on City and departmental task forces and committees; facilitating effective communication between City and Department management and unit employees; assisting unit members in understanding and following work rules; and administering the provisions of

the Memorandum of Understanding. The cost to the City for these release positions, including all benefits, has been charged as part of the total compensation contained in this agreement in lieu of wages and benefits.

#### 1. Full-Time Release Positions

Three (3) persons designated as official full-time release Union representative for the unit shall be allowed up to two-thousand eighty (2,080) work hours for each representative per MOU year to engage in lawful Union activities pursuant to and consistent with this MOU. The full-time release positions agree to be bound by all City rules and regulations. Time used for this purpose in excess of two thousand eighty (2,080) hours for each representative shall be at the expense of the Union and the Union shall reimburse the City at the employee's hourly rate of pay. The City will pay the employee's full-time fringe benefits.

The Union shall notify Labor Relations and the appropriate Human Resources Liaison five (5) working days in advance when requesting release time for the above official designated Union representatives.

The Union will submit quarterly reports to the Labor Relations Division documenting the regular work schedules of the release positions and any leave used during the quarter.

Upon return from full-time release, the official Union representative shall be reinstated to their original location/yard and schedule. If the previous location no longer exists then the employee will have their choice of location/yard and schedule. Once at the location/yard the employee will, if applicable, receive an available assignment of route, truck and partner. They will then have an opportunity to participate in the next future transfer process in accordance with the department's transfer policy. In addition, any approved leave time the employee had scheduled prior to their return to their department shall be honored by the department.

#### 2. Union Stewards

The Union may designate forty-five (45) Union members as stewards and shall notify the Labor Relations Administrator of such designations. There shall be no obligation on the City to change or adjust normal departmental scheduling or assignments of personnel as a result of such designations. Such designations shall be made from amongst Union members regularly working at the job sites within the proximate geographic area where they are intended to provide representation. The Union shall endeavor to be equitable in the distribution of its stewards.

a) One such representative from the Grievant's home department may, after the Grievant and the supervisor were unable to resolve the matter informally (Article 2, Section 2-

- 1-A), when the Union is designated by a Grievant as his representative, attend mutually scheduled grievance meetings and hearings with department representatives without loss of pay or benefits. Paid release time used for any other purpose, such as gathering information, interviewing the grievant or witnesses, or preparing a presentation shall be charged against the bank of Union release hours (Section 1-3 D).
- b) City employees who are on duty and are, either witnesses, charging parties, appellants or grievants and the shop steward representing any such employee from the employee's home department, may attend grievance, Civil Service, Phoenix Employment Relations Board (P.E.R.B.) and Public Works Accident Review Board meetings on City time provided 1) it is for their particular case which is either scheduled or on the public meeting agenda for that date and time and 2) Once a witness testimony has been concluded, or if a grievant, charging party or appellant once that agenda item has been completed or the grievance meeting concluded, unless they have made other arrangements in advance with their immediate supervisors approval, they will promptly return to work. Management reserves the right to restrict the number of witnesses who can be off of the job at any one time but will cooperate in rotating witnesses from the workplace so as to minimize the impact to operations and service to the public. For group grievances the group will be allowed to select no more than two non-witness grievant representatives to attend the proceeding. These do not have to be the same group grievant representative for each step or meeting of the entire proceeding. As a matter of courtesy, employees will give management as much notice as possible.
- c) Union designated representatives shall be admitted to the buildings and grounds of the City for the purpose of assisting in the adjustment of grievances and other official Union business, so long as such will not, in any manner, interfere with any work operation or the safety and security of any work site. Such representative will check in with the supervisor involved and will be required to conform with the operational and safety regulations and procedures as directed by the supervisor.

#### 3. Bank of Union Release Hours

The Union will be allowed, subject to operational and scheduling factors and four (4) working days advance request in each instance, a unit total of 4,287.25 hours paid release time in a bank of release hours per M.O.U. year. Requests for release time shall be submitted to the Labor Relations Administrator and approval of release time hereunder shall not be arbitrarily withheld. The cost to the City for these release hours, including fringe, has been charged as part of the total compensation contained in this agreement in lieu of wages and benefits. Examples of how these hours are used by the Union include:

- For Executive Board members to attend meetings of the Executive Board, meetings of the general membership, and for preparation for negotiations.
- For stewards to provide representation when a steward from the employee's home department or a full-time release employee is unavailable.
- For a second representative to attend a grievance or investigative meeting.
- For authorized representatives to attend Union conferences, meetings, seminars, training classes and workshops so that representatives better understand issues such as City policies and practices, conflict resolution, labor-management partnerships, and methods of effective representation.
- For authorized representatives to research and prepare for grievance meetings and disciplinary hearings.
- For authorized representatives to educate and communicate with unit members in support of City policies and programs, and participate in City partnerships.

Only one representative may be released from the same work group at the same time. No representative will be permitted to use more than 420 hours of release time from the bank of hours in any one MOU year.

Any hours used in excess of the bank of Union release hours must be approved by the Labor Relations Administrator and the LIUNA Local 777 Lead Business Manager. The number of hours used in excess of the allowable Union release hours at the end of the contract term will be deducted from the Union release hours available for the following year. A surplus of hours will be carried over into the next year to a maximum total Union release of 7500 hours.

a) The Union shall be allowed up to twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars per MOU year to be used towards LIUNA Local 777-City of Phoenix Apprenticeship Programs to purchase training materials, uniforms, promotional outreach materials, instructional activities such as schools and workshops, and any other activity approved by the Human Resources Director or his/her designee for Unit members approved to participate in the Apprenticeship Programs. These monies are to be paid to the Union in one lump sum in the first pay period of each MOU year. The Union will document the nature of the expenditures made for each Unit member approved to participate in the Apprenticeship Programs. The City Auditor Department may conduct an audit of the funds designated for the Apprenticeship Programs-periodically. Any payments not adequately supported by the documentation of expenses, or payments made for activities outside the scope of this agreement, will be returned to the City by the Union.

At the end of each fiscal year, any money not expended on the Apprenticeship Programs will be carried over to the next year for continued use in these programs. The funds set aside for the Apprenticeship Programs will not exceed \$30,000 and the City and the Union will discuss appropriate measures to ensure the Union receives the appropriate economic value.

b) In recognition of the mutual benefit provided to the City and the Union by the full-time release positions, the City agrees to pay the Lead Business Agent of the Unit two hundred and eight overtime hours each MOU year. The two full time Union Representatives will be paid eighty (80) hours overtime each MOU year. The overtime will be paid on the last paycheck of July upon request of the Union. The Union shall make such request no later than June 1.

The Union agrees to reimburse the City of Phoenix for the equivalent salary costs plus fringe benefits on or before the last day of July each MOU year.

- **C.** Unit members may be authorized in advance in writing to engage in lawful Union related activities during City work hours on a non-paid basis by the City Manager or his designee in his unrestricted discretion consistent with this MOU.
- **D**. There shall be no use of official time for unit-related activities except as has been expressly authorized under this MOU. The City reserves the right to deny approval of request for use of official time for activities not expressly authorized under this MOU. The City shall not arbitrarily deny requests for use of official time for union activities.

### E. Payroll Deductions

1) The City shall deduct from the first and second pay warrants of Union members, in each month, the regular periodic Union membership dues as certified by an authorized official of the Union and regular periodic Union sponsored insurance benefits pursuant to the City's deduction authorization form duly completed and signed by the employee and transmit such deductions monthly to the Union no later than the fourteenth (14th) day following the end of the pay period in which the deduction occurs, along with an alphabetical list of all employees for whom deductions have been made. Such deductions shall be made only when the Union member's earnings for a pay period are sufficient after other legally required deductions are made. Authorization for membership dues deductions herein shall remain in effect during the term hereof unless revoked by the employee. Revocation of deductions shall be accepted by the City only during the first week of July or January to be effective the following payroll period. The City will notify the Union of any revocations submitted to it, consistent with the PERB Ordinance Section 2-214.

In addition, the City shall provide the Union the alphabetical list, including, the last four digits of the Social Security Number, the active Union deductions list, and the deductions register on a CD.

If it is determined by a final decision by a court of competent jurisdiction that "Fair Share" does not violate Arizona State law or the Arizona State Constitution, the Union and City shall open up this contract to bargain in good faith over the "Fair Share" issue.

- 2) The City shall not make dues deductions for unit employees on behalf of any other employee organization as defined in the Meet and Confer Ordinance, during the term of this MOU.
- 3) The City assumes no liability on account of any actions taken pursuant to this section. The City shall, however, as promptly as technically possible, implement changes brought to its attention. The City shall, at the written request of the Union during the term of this agreement, make changes in the amount of deduction hereunder for the general membership, provided cost for implementing such changes shall be reimbursed by the Union. This charge shall not apply to submission of new individual authorization cards or revocations or individual status changes.

#### F. Facilities and Services

- 1) The Union may distribute Union authorized materials on the City's premises (buildings and grounds) before and after scheduled working hours or in non-work areas during scheduled work hours provided both the employee distributing and the employee receiving such material are on their own time.
- 2) The City shall provide the Union with bulletin board space for its sole and exclusive use in communicating with its members at mutually agreeable locations.
- 3) Material which is not abusive of any person or organization, which does not violate Administrative Regulation (A.R.) 2.16, and which is not disruptive of the City's operations, may be posted or distributed, provided that such material is submitted to the City and also signed by an authorized official of the Union. The Union may grieve any refusal by the City to approve posting or distribution of submitted material.
- 4) The Union shall have the right to meet with new unit employees for the purpose of informing each such employee of the Union and of that employee's right to have Union dues deducted from his/her pay warrant. The Human Resources Department will notify the Union when orientation sessions involving new unit employees are scheduled.
  - Such opportunity shall be accorded the Union during the new employee orientation (NEO) sessions conducted by the Human Resources Department, Public Works Orientation Program (PWOP), and Parks Department new employee orientation (Parks NEO).

#### G. List of Unit Members

Upon the Union's filing of a Third Party Data Sharing agreement with the HR Department, the City shall provide electronically, at no cost, a list of unit members which includes the following: Emp ID, First Name, Last Name, Initial, Deduct, Service Date, Dept ID, Department, Job Title, Job Locator Code, Mailing Address, City, State, Zip, Home Phone, Work Phone.

Any and all information furnished by the City shall be used by the Union solely for the purpose of communicating with unit members, other legitimate union purposes, and shall not be shared with any other individual or organization.

- **H.** The Union shall have the right to file a grievance on behalf of our member(s) when personally requested by the member. Filing procedures for grievance shall be those in Article 2, Section 2-1, Grievance Procedure.
- I. Upon written request from the Union, the City will provide specific information from an employee's personnel files pertinent to a written grievance, arbitration case or civil service appeal. The City will also provide all pertinent collective bargaining information requested by the Union. The information will be supplied to the Union at no charge.

## Section 1-4. Rights of Unit Employees

#### A. Non-Discrimination

All unit members have the right to have the Union serve as their meet and confer representative without discrimination based on membership or non-membership in the Union.

## **B.** Grievance Representation

All unit members have the right to present their own grievance, in person or by legal counsel in accordance with Article 2, Section 2-1. A copy of all MOU grievances, filed by anyone other than a designated official Union representative, shall be sent to the Union office. There shall be no cost incurred to the Union.

## C. Disciplinary Investigations / NOI Representation

Unit members have the right to be represented by the Union and the Union reserves the right to provide protection to its members in dealings with the City concerning grievances, and matters pertaining to their individual employment rights and obligations, and during the conduct of a management initiated investigatory interview concerning allegations focused on the employee which may result in disciplinary action against the employee for violation of City or departmental work rules or regulations.

An interview becomes investigatory when facts or evidence sought by management may result in any disciplinary action against the employee being interviewed.

Prior to the employee being interviewed, a supervisor shall advise the employee of the right to a representative. When discipline is issued, and the incident is discussed with the employee, the employee shall be advised of their right to representation.

If any unit member is instructed not to speak to anyone regarding an investigation, this restriction does not apply to speaking to the Union representative. The union representative may assist and consult with the employee, attempt to clarify the facts or questions asked, and suggest other employees or witnesses who may have knowledge of the underlying issues. The union representative cannot impede the progress of the interview.

A unit member under investigation that may lead to a written reprimand, suspension, demotion or discharge and who is interviewed, will be given a written statement informing them of the nature of the allegations. The Notice of Inquiry (NOI) shall be used. The employee has the right to know if their accuser is a City employee or citizen/customer.

Prior to giving the member the above written statement, the supervisor shall also tell the member they have the right to a Union representative. The written statement shall also notify the member that they have the right to have a Union representative attend the investigation meeting. The member shall also be informed that none of their statements, nor any information or evidence which is gained by reason of such statements, can be issued against them in any criminal proceedings. The written statement shall state that the member normally has 72 hours (excluding N days) to respond to the Notice of Inquiry. By mutual agreement, if there are extenuating circumstances, the 72 hours may be extended. The member or representative may ask for a caucus during the meeting. During the interview, the interviewer shall instruct the employee and the union representative that the intent of the interview is for the employee to provide their own account of the matter under investigation during questioning. The interviewer may not prohibit the Union representative from engaging in representation, including assisting and consulting with the employee. The member shall be allowed to seek advice and counsel from their representative during the caucus and prior to, during and after the interview. Prior to the conclusion of the meeting, the member, or representative on behalf of the member, shall have the opportunity to make a closing statement. Supervisors shall tell the members they normally have 72 hours (excluding N days) to respond after receipt of the Notice of Inquiry.

If personally requested by a witness, a Union representative may meet with the witness prior to the witness meeting with the City.

A unit member shall receive a copy of any statement that they are asked to sign.

A unit member under investigation will be notified in writing every three (3) months as to the current status of the investigation. Every thirty days, a unit member under investigation may request a status update. At management's discretion, the status will be provided either verbally or in writing. This will include the number of known witnesses still to be interviewed and an estimated date the investigation will be completed.

#### **D.** Personnel Files

- 1) Any unit member covered hereunder shall, at their request and by appointment, be permitted to examine their personnel files in the presence of an appropriate supervisory official of the Department and/or authorize a Union representative to obtain copies of documents in their personnel files. Said files shall be in a location as specified below, one per location. These include the main Human Resources Department file, the department personnel file, and the official department office personnel file contained at the district or yard office.
- 2) No unit member shall have any adverse statements entered into his personnel file without the member receiving a copy of such statement. Unit members shall acknowledge receipt of such statement in writing by signing that they received a copy. Signing or initialing is not an indication of agreement, but solely evidence of receipt.
- 3) A unit member may, at his discretion, attach rebuttal statements to any material contained in his personnel file which may be of a derogatory nature.
- 4) All unit employees may request that their home department personnel files, both electronic and paper versions, be purged of any adverse materials which are three (3) years or older providing the employee has received no disciplinary action for the same thing during the one-year period immediately preceding the request. The request must be in writing and forwarded through official channels. Any adverse materials which are three (3) years or older, shall be purged from the home department personnel file and moved to a section marked "Inactive" in the Central HR Department personnel file. Discipline notices are exempted from these provisions except as described below.
- 5) A unit member may request to have documents related to disciplinary actions, which are ten (10) years or older, removed from their home department personnel file when there have been no incidents or problems of a similar nature within the ten (10) year period immediately preceding the request, and the discipline notice will be moved to a section marked "Inactive" in the Central HR Department personnel file. The term "disciplinary actions" is defined as:

- a) Any discipline given a Unit member that resulted in suspension of eighty (80) hours or less and.
- b) For an infraction which did not result in a criminal charge or actions which did not include violent or assaultive behavior directed at another person or,
- c) Any infraction that is no longer considered to be a disciplinary matter under current contemporary department standards in effect at the time of the Unit member's file purge request.

### E. Fair & Impartial Treatment

All unit members have the right to be treated equally and in a manner, which is fair and impartial in any matter associated with the rights of unit members under the terms of this MOU.

#### F. Notice

A unit member shall be given a minimum of seventy-two (72) hours, excluding weekends, to confer with his representative prior to responding, either orally or in writing, to any document presented by the City.

## G. Coaching / Supervisory Counseling

A coaching is a verbal discussion with an employee. A coaching is not to be considered a first offense for purposes of progressive discipline. A written record of a coaching may be placed in the supervisor's files for both positive and negative incidences. A coaching is to be one-on-one. When two (2) or more supervisors are present at the coaching, the employee shall be advised of their right to representation. An employee may receive more than one (1) coaching for a similar matter.

A supervisory counseling is a verbal warning that the supervisor shall document in memo form. A supervisory counseling is not discipline. They are to be used to determine only notice to the employee. If a supervisory counseling is to be used in any disciplinary or personnel action or any performance rating, the employee will be given the supervisory counseling in memo form, that identifies the behavior requiring improvement, the reason for the improvement, and the consequences of continuing the unacceptable behavior. The memo will contain a line for the employee's signature and an above the line statement of "The employee shall date and sign the supervisory counseling, not as an indication of agreement,

but solely as evidence of being advised of its existence." The employee will receive a copy of the memo.

A supervisory counseling will only be retained in the supervisor's file. It will not be placed in the employee's personnel file. The supervisory counseling will be purged from the supervisor's file one (1) year from the date of receipt provided no further incidents of a similar nature occur during this one (1) year period from the incident. Upon request, a purged supervisory counseling will be returned to the employee.

## H. Written Reprimand / Suspension

Upon request, an employee who receives a written reprimand or suspension will receive a copy of the information upon which the discipline is based.

### I. File Purge

Purging requests apply to all files, in all formats, in all locations.

In the event documentation that is eligible for purging is not purged, it will not be considered in future disciplinary matters. Discipline over five years old will not be considered in any process.

#### J. PMG

Although the terms "coaching" or "supervisory counseling" will not be used, the employee's behavior or performance which resulted in the "coaching" or "supervisory counseling" can, along with any other behavior or performance, be discussed in the PMG.

The City shall maintain and provide to each employee at each annual PMG review, a record of exposure for the following: herbicides and pesticides. Asbestos will be included, provided the employees are wearing the required protective equipment necessary for asbestos removal.

If an employee is not given his/her PMG by the annual review date, the employee's merit increase shall be processed within twenty-one (21) calendar days following the above due date and be retroactive to the PMG annual review date. (If the PMG is an overall "met").

## **K.** Departmental Policies

The City will notify employees and Unit I of new or revised written City or Departmental policies affecting unit employees as soon after release as possible. The City shall post on

their bulletin boards any new policies and/or revisions in City or written department policies and procedures affecting Unit I employees. Notice shall remain posted for no less than twenty-one (21) working days. Review of policy and procedure revisions shall be included in employee group meetings when appropriate and practical to do so.

## **Section 1-5. Prohibition of Strikes and Lockouts**

- A. The provisions of the Meet and Confer Ordinance are expressly incorporated herein.
- B. The City nor its agents for any reason shall authorize, institute, aid or promote any lockout of employees covered by this MOU.

## **Section 1-6. New Positions / Classifications**

#### A. Reclassification Studies

The City shall give notice to the Union within ten (10) working days whenever a reclassification study relating to a group or work unit belonging to Unit I is undertaken. The Classification and Compensation Section shall provide the Union with an opportunity to meet with the person conducting the study prior to preparation of any report or recommendations. The City shall notify the Union of any Unit I reclassification study thirty (30) calendar days prior to that study being presented to the Personnel Committee.

The City will notify the Union, in writing, thirty (30) calendar days in advance before any new position or classification is placed permanently within any field unit.

#### **B.** New Classifications

The parties agree to consult on the inclusion or exclusion of new classification(s) in the bargaining unit and will thereafter refer any such matter to PERB for appropriate action.

### C. Classification Changes

The City agrees that except in extraordinary situations it will notify the Union in advance in writing when significant changes will be made in the duties and responsibilities in position classification standards resulting in classification changes.

#### D. Union Requested Job Classification Studies

The Union may submit written requests for job classification studies to the Human Resources Department. Requests from the Union will be prioritized with other standing requests.

- 1) All written requests for classification studies submitted by the Union shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:
  - a) A full description of the new duties and responsibilities.
  - b) A full explanation of why the Union feels the position(s) should be reclassified.
  - c) A list of comparative positions/ classifications that led to the Union's request.
  - d) Such other information as is normally considered relevant to a classification review.
- 2) The results of the audit of any classification study shall be subject to review by the City's Personnel Committee in accordance with existing procedures.
- 3) The City will inform the Union when Union-requested classification studies are begun and will inform the Union in writing of progress of the study at thirty (30) calendar day intervals.

## ARTICLE 2: GRIEVANCE / ARBITRATION / LABOR MANAGEMENT

## **Section 2-1. Grievance Procedure**

It is understood by the parties that the benefits granted by this Article shall not be interpreted or applied as requiring the employer to count as time worked, any hours or fractions of hours spent outside the employee's work shift in pursuit of benefits provide by this Article. The employer shall count as time worked any hours or fractions of hours spent within the employee's regular work shift in pursuit of benefits provided by this Article.

#### A. Informal Resolution

- 1. As a matter of good labor-management relations the parties encourage unit members who believe that they have a bona fide grievance to discuss and attempt to resolve it with their immediate non-unit supervisor.
- 2. If the above informal discussion is held and does not resolve the grievance, the unit member may file a formal grievance in accordance with the following procedure.

#### **B.** Definition of Grievance

- 1. A grievance is a written allegation by a unit member, submitted as herein specified, claiming violation(s) regarding the interpretation and/or application of the specific express terms of this Memorandum for which there is no other specific and formal method of review; and doesn't have a fact pattern that has been presented to and decided upon by the City Manager in a prior grievance. However, disputes specifically excluded in other Articles of this Agreement from the Grievance and Arbitration procedure shall not be construed as within the definition set forth above and shall not be handled in accordance with this procedure. It is agreed that such excluded disputes are not grievable or arbitrable under the terms of this Article or under this contract.
- 2. The City continues to retain the format used for grievances, including forms, technology, etc.
- 3. A grievance which does not meet the requirements set forth in this Article shall be null and void, and will not be processed in accordance with this procedure.

#### C. Procedure

All grievances covered by this Article shall be handled exclusively in the following manner:

A grievance must be reduced to writing, citing the specific Article and Section of this Memorandum alleged to have been violated.

#### 1. Step 1

The unit member shall reduce the grievance to writing by signing and completing the grievance form provided by the City and submit it to the division head, or designee, within 14 calendar days of the initial commencement of the occurrence being grieved.

The division head, or designee, may investigate, further consider, and discuss the grievance with the grievant and the grievant's representative, if any, as deemed appropriate, and shall, within 14 calendar days of having received the written grievance, submit a response thereto in writing to the grievant. By mutual agreement, the parties can agree to skip Step 1 and proceed to Step 2 of the grievance procedure.

## 2. Step 2

If the written response of the Step 1 does not result in a resolution of the grievance, the grievant may appeal the grievance by signing and completing the City form and presenting it to the department head, or designee within 14 calendar days of the grievant's receipt of the Step 1 response.

The department head, or designee, may further consider and discuss the grievance with the grievant and the grievant's representative, if any, as deemed appropriate, and shall, within 14 calendar days of having received the written grievance, submit a response thereto in writing to the grievant. By mutual agreement, the parties can agree to skip Step 2 and proceed to Step 2.5 or Step 3 of the grievance procedure.

### 3. Step 2.5

After the Step 2 response, but prior to review by the Grievance Committee, the parties involved may mutually agree to submit the grievance to Labor Relations. The grievance, as originally written and Step 1 and Step 2 responses, must be submitted to Labor Relations within 14 calendar days of receipt of the Step 2 response. Labor Relations shall, within 14 calendar days of the receipt of the grievance, meet with the department head, or designee, and the grievance and the grievant's representative, if any, in an attempt to resolve the grievance. Labor Relations shall then submit a written response to all parties within 14 calendar days of the meeting.

### 4. Step 3

a. If the written response of the Step 2 (or 2.5 if applicable) does not result in a resolution of the grievance, the grievant may, within 14 calendar days of the Step 2 response, appeal the grievance by signing and completing the City form and presenting it to Labor Relations. A Grievance Committee hearing will be scheduled at which the grievant shall be afforded the opportunity to fully present his position and to be represented.

The Grievance Committee shall be composed of:

Chairman – A member of the City Manager's Office designated by the City Manager.

Member – A City function head on a rotating schedule.

Member - The Union President, or designee.

The Grievance Committee shall submit findings and advisory recommendation(s) to the City Manager. The City Manager shall make the final determination of the grievance and submit it in writing to the grievant and his designated representative.

b. If the grievant so elects in writing within the above time limit, in lieu of such hearing the grievance may be reviewed by an arbitrator. The parties, or their designated representatives, shall agree on an arbitrator, and if they are unable to agree on an arbitrator within a reasonable time, either party may request the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to submit to them a list of 7 arbitrators who have had

experience in the public sector. The parties shall, within 7 calendar days of the receipt of said list, select the arbitrator by alternately striking names from said list until one name remains. Such person shall then become the arbitrator. The arbitrator so selected shall hold a hearing as expeditiously as possible at a time and place convenient to the parties, and shall be bound by the following:

- i. The arbitrator shall be bound by the language of this Memorandum and departmental rules and regulations consistent therewith in considering any issue properly before him/her.
- ii. The arbitrator shall expressly confine him/herself to the precise issues submitted to him/her and shall have no authority to consider any other issue not so submitted to him/her.
- iii. The arbitrator shall be bound by applicable State and City law.
- iv. The cost of the arbitrator and any other mutually incurred costs shall be borne equally by the parties.

The arbitrator shall submit findings and advisory recommendations to the City Manager. The City Manager shall make the final determination of the grievance and submit it in writing to the grievant and his designated representative.

#### **D.** Time Limits

Failure of City Management representatives to comply with time limits specified in Paragraph C shall entitle the grievant to appeal to the next level of review; and failure of the grievant to comply with said time limits shall constitute abandonment of the grievance; except however, that the parties may extend time limits by mutual written agreement in advance of the deadline.

#### E. Union Grievance

The Union may, in its own name, file a grievance that alleges violation by the City of the rights accorded to the Union by the specific terms of Article 1-3 of this Memorandum. The Union shall file such grievance at Step 3 of this Procedure.

#### F. Group Grievance

When more than one unit member claims the same violation of the same rights allegedly accorded by this Memorandum, and such claims arise at substantially the same time and out of the same circumstances, a single group grievance may be filed in the name of all such members. Such group grievances shall be filed at the Step of this Procedure which provides the lowest level of common supervision having authority over all named grievants. Each unit member that is a party Grievant must be named and must sign such group grievance.

## G. Employer Grievances

Should they occur as a result of official Union activities or actions, including the failure to act as required under the terms of this Memorandum, employer grievances will be presented directly to the Union president or any officer of the Union within 14 days of the occurrence prompting the grievance. The president, or designee, shall in each case provide a written answer within 14 days from receipt of the grievance. Unresolved employer grievances may be submitted to arbitration pursuant to Step 3.

## H. Municipal Court

It is understood concerning the administration of this grievance procedure in the Municipal Court, specifically Step 2 that the designated "Department Head" is the Executive Court Administrator, and the "City Manager's Office" or "City Manager" shall mean the Presiding Judge, or his designee as provided in the procedure.

# Section 2-2. Labor-Management Committee

The benefits granted by this Article shall not be interpreted or applied as requiring the employer to count as time worked, any hours or fractions of hours spent outside the employee's work shift in pursuit of benefits provided by this Article. The employer shall count as time worked any hours or fractions of hours spent within the employee's regular work shift in pursuit of benefits provided by this Article.

**A.** There shall be a Labor-Management Committee consisting of a maximum of six (6) Union committee members, no more than four (4) of whom may be bargaining unit members and five (5) representatives of the City in addition to the Labor Relations Administrator, or designee, who shall be Chairman. The purpose of the Committee is to facilitate improved labor-management relationships by providing a forum for free and informal discussion of mutual concerns and problems.

- **B.** The Committee shall meet, at least once a month per MOU year, or more often by mutual agreement, at mutually agreed upon times. The Committee will meet to discuss matters to be of a mutual benefit including, but not limited to, methods of improving the level of productivity when needed. The members shall, upon request for a meeting, provide the Chairman with proposed agenda items and the Chairman shall provide the members with the meeting agenda in advance of the meeting.
- C. Any signed/dated written Labor/Management agreements with the signatures of the parties and the Chairman will be binding on the parties for the remaining term of the MOU.
- **D.** If the representative of the Union is a unit member, such representative shall not lose pay or benefits for meetings mutually scheduled during duty time.
- **E.** During this Memorandum of Understanding, the City and the Union will establish a Labor-Management Committee dedicated to the discussion of cost analysis for potential contracted work presently performed by Unit employees, the reduction in force process and any other matters deemed relevant by the Committee.
- F. During this Memorandum of Understanding, the City and the Union will discuss the following topics at the Labor Management Committee Meetings:
  - Ways to address absenteeism within each department;
  - Working hours, and
  - CDL Renewal Process.

# Section 2-3. Bargaining Unit Work

- **A.** The City will schedule a meeting with the Union, with a minimum of seven calendar days' notice, except in emergency situations, to discuss management recommendations and basis for contracting of work presently being performed by unit members, which would directly result in a reduction in the number of regular unit positions during the term of this agreement. The meeting will occur prior to any final recommendation to the City Council. Failure by the City to meet with the Union under this Article may be subject to the Grievance Procedure (Article 2, Section 2-1) of this MOU. The management recommendation, and final decision thereon by the City, shall not be subject to the Grievance Procedure (Article 2, Section 2-1.)
- **B.** The Management recommendation, and final decision thereon by the City, shall not be subject to the Grievance Procedure (Article 2, Section 2-1) of this MOU.

C. The City agrees that it will not assign work currently performed by LIUNA represented employees to non-represented City employees or to employees in any other City of Phoenix bargaining unit, for a period up to 90 days.

The exception will be when individuals are being placed in an effort to comply with federal law, in which case the Union will be notified.

By mutual consent, the City and the Union may agree to a time period longer than 90 days.

## Section 2-4. Health and Safety Committee

The benefits granted by this Article shall not be interpreted or applied as requiring the employer to count as time worked, any hours or fractions of hours spent outside the employee's work shift in pursuit of benefits provided by this Article. The employer shall count as time worked any hours or fractions of hours spent within the employee's regular work shift in pursuit of benefits provided by this Article.

- **A.** The City will continue to undertake all reasonable efforts to provide for employee health and safety in accordance with the State's Occupational Safety and Health Law.
- **B.** In order to facilitate this policy, a joint committee entitled "Health and Safety Committee" shall be established. This Committee shall be composed of two (2) unit employees appointed by the Union and two (2) City representatives as designated by the City Manager. The Chairmanship shall rotate among the members.
- C. The Committee shall meet quarterly at mutually scheduled times or more frequently by mutual agreement to consider on-the-job safety matters referred to it by the existing departmental safety committees and safety officers, or otherwise coming to its attention, and shall advise Department Heads and the City Manager concerning on-the-job safety and health matters.

All written recommendations of the Committee shall be submitted to the Department Head concerned and to the City Manager.

- **D.** The Committee shall be guided by the applicable regulations of the State's OSHA agency, and the City's existing practices and rules relating to safety and health, and formulate suggested changes.
- **E.** Employee members of the Committee shall not lose pay or benefits for meetings mutually scheduled during their duty time.

#### **Incident Review Board**

An Incident Review Board is an effective management tool to minimize injuries and protect property. The function of an Incident Review Board is to determine if a vehicular or operational incident is preventable or non-preventable. The City shall establish an Incident Review Board in each Unit One represented department. Each Incident Review Board shall have the same rules, and all rules shall be applied in the same manner in each department.

## Section 2-5. Public Outreach & Public/Employee Safety Cross Training

It is understood that bargaining unit members are frequently required to address social service needs and problems as well as threats to public health and public/employee safety posed in our streets and parks.

To ensure that bargaining unit members are trained adequately to safely deal directly with members of the public and to properly refer citizens to appropriate City agencies, all bargaining unit members shall be cross-trained with public outreach and public/employee safety skills in accordance with department needs.

# Section 2-6. Laborers' Apprenticeship Projects

### A. Gardener Apprenticeship Project

During the term of this MOU, the Union and the City shall establish a Joint Pilot Apprentice Program for the Gardener classification in the City of Phoenix, entitled "Phoenix Gardener Apprenticeship Program".

The Phoenix Gardener Apprenticeship Program shall be organized with a set of standards established by a five (5) person Joint Apprenticeship Committee (Committee). The Committee shall be comprised of two (2) Union representatives, two (2) City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department representatives, and one (1) jointly agreed to representative with appropriate academic, educational, or occupational expertise.

The Phoenix Gardener Apprenticeship Program is designed to prepare individuals, and produce highly qualified and well trained workers who have solid knowledge as well as specific, technical job skills for occupations in the skilled trades and crafts. The Joint Apprenticeship Committee shall award a Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship to each apprentice who has successfully completed the Phoenix Gardener Apprenticeship Program.

## **B.** SWEO Apprenticeship Project

During the term of this MOU, the Union and the City shall establish a Joint Pilot Apprentice Program for the Solid Waste Equipment Operator classification in the City of Phoenix, entitled "Phoenix SWEO Apprenticeship Program".

The Phoenix SWEO Apprenticeship Program shall be organized with a set of standards established by a five (5) person Joint Apprenticeship Committee (Committee). The Committee shall be comprised of two (2) Union representatives, two (2) City of Phoenix Public Works Department representatives, and one (1) City of Phoenix Human Resources Department Safety Section employee.

The Phoenix SWEO Apprenticeship Program is designed to prepare individuals, and produce highly qualified and well trained workers who have solid knowledge as well as specific, technical job skills for occupations in the skilled trades and crafts. The Joint Apprenticeship Committee shall award a Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship to each apprentice who has successfully completed the Phoenix SWEO Apprenticeship Program.

## C. Street Maintenance Worker I Apprenticeship Project

During the term of this MOU, the Union and the City shall establish a Joint Pilot Apprentice Program for the Street Maintenance Worker classification in the City of Phoenix, entitled "Phoenix Street Maintenance Worker Apprenticeship Program".

The Phoenix Street Maintenance Worker Apprenticeship Program shall be organized with a set of standards established by a five (5) person Joint Apprenticeship Committee (Committee). The Committee shall be comprised of two (2) Union representatives, two (2) City of Phoenix Streets Department representatives, and one (1) City of Phoenix Human Resources Department Safety Section employee.

The Phoenix Street Maintenance Worker Apprenticeship Program is designed to prepare individuals, and produce highly qualified and well trained workers who have solid knowledge as well as specific, technical job skills for occupations in the skilled trades and crafts. The Joint Apprenticeship Committee shall award a Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship to each apprentice who has successfully completed the Phoenix Street Maintenance Worker Apprenticeship Program.

## **ARTICLE 3: COMPENSATION / WAGES**

Various sections of this MOU contain a form of compensation, wages, or benefits that have been negotiated in good faith and may or may not provide a direct payment of wages or other benefit to each member. Those forms of compensation, wages, or benefits that do not provide a direct payment to each unit member have been negotiated in place of a direct payment and costed as part of the overall economic package. Examples include: life insurance, long term disability insurance, leave payouts, etc.

## Section 3-1. Wages

- A. In year one of the agreement, the economic value of ongoing total compensation increases will equal 2.0%. In addition to this increase, Unit 1 employees will receive an early signing incentive of an additional ongoing 0.25% economic value of total compensation increase for signing a complete contract prior to fact finding hearings. Unit 1 employees will also receive a one-time payment equal to the economic value of 1.0% total compensation.
  - 1. 2.31% wage increase effective July 2019 for all steps.
  - 2. An additional 0.69% wage increase effective July 2019 applied to step 9 only.
  - 3. One-time payment of \$561.00 for each full-time unit member paid in the first pay cycle of August 2019.
- B. In year two of the agreement, the economic value of ongoing total compensation increases will equal 1.0%. Unit 1 employees will also receive a one-time payment equal to the economic value of 1.0% total compensation.
  - a. 1.17% wage increase effective July 2020 for all steps.
  - b. One-time payment of \$563.00 for each full-time unit member paid in the first pay cycle of August 2020.
- C. During the term of this MOU the City will provide an annual budget presentation to the LIUNA Local 777 Chapter Board. This presentation will be scheduled within thirty (30) days of the final budget being presented to Council.
- **D.** It is understood that for implementation purposes, the practice of rounding of fractional cents shall be done in accordance with accepted mathematical and accounting principles.
- **E.** Notwithstanding the rates of pay set forth in any appendix or attachment to the agreement for reference, the term "Pay Schedule" shall mean the schedule computed and published by the Human Resources Department for payroll purposes pursuant to Council Action in the Pay and Compensation Ordinance.

## Section 3-1A. Productivity Enhancement Pay

In recognition of continuous service and overall performance, the City agrees to the following longevity-performance pay formula for unit employees.

### A. Pay Benefit:

In November 2019, June 2020, November 2020, and May 2021, unit members who meet the additional qualifications of this section shall qualify for fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each full year of continuous full-time service in excess of five (5) years, up to an annual maximum of fourteen hundred dollars (\$1,400.00) at nineteen (19) years.

In November 2019, June 2020, November 2020, and May 2021, unit members who have completed at least twenty (20) years of full-time service and who meet the additional qualifications of this section shall qualify for sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) for each full year of continuous full-time service in excess of five (5) years, up to an annual maximum of eighteen hundred twenty dollars (\$1,820.00).

### **B.** Qualifications:

- 1) An employee must have completed at least one (1) year of continuous full-time service at the top step in his pay range. Qualifications for Productivity Enhancement pay are made in the base class and will not be affected by movement into or out of assignment positions. As well, Productivity Enhancement pay will not be affected by movements to positions within the same pay range.
- 2) An employee must have received a performance rating of overall "Met" on his latest scheduled performance evaluation on file at the time of the qualifying date. For employees who are otherwise eligible for Productivity Enhancement pay, an employee who receives an overall "Not Met" evaluation shall receive another evaluation within ninety (90) days to one-hundred-twenty (120) days, and if that evaluation is an overall "Met", he will be eligible to start receiving Productivity Enhancement pay the first paycheck for the first full pay period after the next qualifying date. A unit member who receives an overall "Not Met" rating may appeal by memo through his chain of command to the Department Head.
- 3) An employee must be on full-time active status. Employees on industrial leave shall qualify for this payment for only the first year of the industrial leave. However, the entire period of industrial leave shall qualify as continuous service when the employee returns to active employment.

### C. Terms of Payment:

- 1) The Productivity Enhancement payment will be pro-rated and included each pay period in the qualifying unit member's regular paycheck.
- 2) When a position is reclassified to a higher classification, or when classification is assigned to a higher pay range, incumbents who are receiving Productivity Enhancement pay shall be moved to that step of the new range which corresponds the closest to their combined base pay and previous Productivity Enhancement amount (incumbent's annualized payment), and which does not result in a decrease from that total amount. The placement in the new range will be limited to the maximum step in the range. If the reclassification or pay range change only results in a maximum possible one-range increase, and the incumbent is receiving Productivity Enhancement pay, the employee will be moved to the top step and continue to be eligible for Productivity Enhancement pay.

### Section 3-2. Overtime

- **A.** As a regular practice, overtime shall not be used. The parties agree that at times the City may require overtime work outside of an employee's regularly-scheduled shift.
- **B.** Overtime is defined as time assigned and worked beyond the regularly scheduled forty (40) hours per week.
- C. Except for paid sick leave, all duly authorized paid leave time shall be considered as time worked for the purposes of the regularly scheduled workweek (but not daily work shift). Paid sick leave shall not be considered as time worked for the purpose of calculating overtime for the regularly scheduled workweek.
  - The employee's appropriate leave bank will be charged only for the difference between the scheduled daily work shift and the hours actually worked that day.
- **D.** Overtime shall be worked and shall be allowed if assigned by the non-unit supervisor or other authorized representative of the City. The City shall endeavor to be equitable in the distribution of voluntary overtime amongst qualified employees or crews of employees within the same classification, function, work location, and shift. Seniority may be used as a factor in determining the assignment of overtime work. Other factors include skill level, assigned equipment, etc. The City will make available to the Union upon request reports of

overtime worked by unit members on a quarterly basis. The City reserves the right to assign overtime in the event insufficient employees volunteer, to avoid inadequate staffing, to insure timely service delivery or to conduct mandatory training.

Employees may be required to work on scheduled holidays and/or non-work days during the holiday week in order to provide City services on weeks containing holidays.

Rotational overtime work lists ranked by seniority shall be posted on city bulletin boards and updated each time it is worked.

- E. Compensation for overtime work as defined in Section B. above will be as follows: One and one-half (1-½) times the regular rate. The regular rate shall include, if applicable, night shift differential, stand-by pay, and out-of-class pay. Overtime will be compensated after the first seven (7) minutes assigned and worked beyond a member's regularly scheduled work week or work shift, as outlined in Section B, calculated to the nearest quarter (1/4) hour. There shall be no compounding or pyramiding of overtime pay with regular or premium pay except as required under the Fair Labor Standards Act.
- F. There shall be a minimum of twelve (12) hours off between shifts. If this is not possible and the unit member is not receiving overtime pay for the additional hours worked (the unit member is not entitled to both overtime and 12-Hour Rule time), the unit member shall receive 12-Hour Rule compensation (one and one half (1-1/2) times the regular rate) for each full hour worked within the described twelve (12) hour period. This language only applies to employees who work two (2) full shifts.

Example #1:

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Monday	Tuesday	Wed – Fri	Total for Week
6a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	3:30 a.m. – 1p.m.	6a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	44 hrs. Worked
11 hrs. Worked	9 hrs. Worked	8 hrs. Worked per Day	40 hrs. Paid at Regular Rate of Pay
	2 hrs. within		4 hrs. Paid at 1-1/2 (OT)
	12-Hour Rule		

In example #1, the 12-Hour Rule time <u>is</u> not paid for the two hours worked within the 12-Hour Rule because overtime <u>was</u> earned for the additional hours worked.

### Example #2:

Monday	Tuesday	Wed – Thurs	Friday	Total for Week
6 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	3:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	6 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	6 a.m. – 10 a.m.	40 hrs. Worked
11 hrs. Worked	9 hrs. Worked	8 hrs. Worked per Day	4 hrs. Worked	38 hrs. Paid at Regular Rate of Pay
	2 hrs. within 12-Hour Rule			2 hrs. Paid at 1-1/2 (12-Hour Rule)

In example #2, the 12-Hour Rule time <u>is</u> paid for the two hours worked within the 12-Hour Rule because overtime <u>was not</u> earned for the additional hours worked.

**G.** In lieu of cash payment, a unit employee may request compensatory time credits up to a maximum accumulation of two hundred-ten (210) hours. The request for compensatory credit must be made at the time the overtime is worked. Use of compensatory time off within the work period shall be subject to departmental approval and scheduling.

Accumulated compensatory time in excess of two hundred-ten (210) hours must be paid in cash.

Effective July 2009, two hundred-ten (210) hours is increased to two-hundred-fifteen (215) hours.

# Section 3-2A. Call-Out Pay

- **A.** A unit member called out for work after going home from a shift or called out for overtime work while on stand-by pay shall be entitled to a minimum of three (3) hours pay at time and one-half  $(1 \frac{1}{2})$  times the employee's regular rate of pay.
- **B.** Travel time shall be included in the minimum call-out guarantee and shall be paid only if the total work and allowed travel time exceed the three (3) hour minimum. The total travel time compensated for round trip travel to and from the job site shall be forty-five (45) minutes.
- C. Travel time shall not apply when the employee is working on overtime which was planned in advance. An employee requested to report early, before the normal starting time of the shift,

shall not be eligible for travel time, but would qualify for overtime for the extra time worked at the job site.

## Section 3-3. Out-Of-Class Pay

A unit member temporarily required to serve in a regular authorized position in a higher classification shall be compensated at a higher rate of pay in accordance with the following:

**A.** To be eligible for the additional compensation, the unit member must first accumulate ten (10) regular working shifts of assignment in the higher class within any twenty-four (24) month period; satisfactory performance during a previous appointment to the higher class will be credited to the qualifying period. The days of out-of-class assignment need not necessarily be consecutive.

The days of out-of-class will be credited to the qualifying period. Once this qualification is satisfied, no additional re-qualification will be required. Any employee in the Parks and Recreation Department and the Street Transportation Department, who has accrued one hundred and twenty (120) hours and who has completed training approved by the City and who has received a City certificate certifying that they can operate the equipment, shall not be required to accumulate any shifts as stated in this section to qualify for out-of-classification pay.

- **B.** Temporary assignments out-of-class shall be recorded only in full-shift units. A unit member working out-of-class for four (4) hours in an eight (8) hour shift or five (5) hours in a ten (10) hour shift or more in a given shift shall be credited with working out-of-class for the entire shift. No out-of-class credit shall be given for out-of-class work of less than four (4) or five (5) hours in any given shift.
- C. To qualify for out-of-class pay, a unit member must be assuming substantially the full range of duties and responsibilities of the higher level position. Out-of-class pay is not authorized, for example, if the organization of a work unit is such that each unit member carries on his normal duties during the temporary absence of a supervisor, without a need for the direction which the supervisor would provide on a longer term basis. However, eligibility for out-of-class compensation shall take place when an employee becomes responsible on a regular basis, for the full range of duties normally assigned to the higher class.
- **D.** Time worked in a higher class shall not earn credits toward the completion of probationary requirements in the higher class.

- **E.** A unit member who has qualified under these provisions shall be compensated at the minimum rate established for the higher class for each completed work shift served in the higher class. In the event of overlapping unit salary ranges, a minimum one-step differential shall be paid for out-of-class assignments into unit classifications. The higher rate of pay shall be used in computing overtime when authorized overtime is served in out-of-class work assignments; the overtime rate shall be the rate established by the overtime regulations that apply to the higher rank.
- **F.** The City shall endeavor to be equitable in the distribution of out-of-class assignments amongst qualified unit members.
- **G.** The City shall not make out-of-class assignments pursuant to this Article in an arbitrary and capricious manner.

## Section 3-4. Pesticide Applicator Differential

Licensed Pesticide Applicators shall receive fifty cents (\$.50) in addition to their base hourly rate for each hour engaged in assigned and authorized activities when applying, mixing, or managing herbicide or pesticides. This compensation includes any preparation and maintenance of application equipment.

# Section 3-5. Shift Differential Pay

Unit members shall receive fifty cents (\$.50) per hour in addition to their hourly rate of pay when working a night shift which ends at or after 9:00 p.m. and before midnight, and seventy-five cents (\$.75) per hour in addition to their hourly rate of pay when working a night shift which includes work during the period after midnight to 3:30 a.m.

Employees shall receive night shift pay differential only for hours scheduled and worked, and not while on paid leave time.

Employees participating in a 4/10 work schedule shall receive fifty cents (\$.50) per hour in addition to their hourly rate of pay when working a regular night shift which ends between 10:00 p.m. and 3:30 a.m., inclusive, and seventy-five cents (\$.75) per hour in addition to their hourly rate of pay when working a regular night shift which ends after 3:30 a.m. Night shift differential shall continue to be paid at the rate of the regular shift for any additional hours worked following the regular shift.

## Section 3-5A. Weekend Shift Differential Pay

A unit employee shall receive forty-five cents (\$0.45) per hour added to his base hourly rate of pay and any other shift differential or any other premium pay he may be receiving for working a weekend shift. A designated weekend shift is defined as any shift that starts on or after 2:00 p.m., on Friday, and continuing through any shift that starts on or before, but not after 11:59 p.m. on Sunday.

A unit member shall receive weekend shift pay differential only for hours scheduled and worked, and not while on paid leave.

A unit member, who is called out and works between 2:00 p.m. on Friday and 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, will be paid weekend shift differential for all hours worked at the rate specified in this article. If a unit member was called out while on stand-by status, he will not receive weekend shift differential.

## Section 3-6. Stand-By Pay

When a unit member is required and assigned to be available for emergency call back, outside of his regular daily or weekly work schedule, the employee shall be compensated for such stand-by hours that he remained available at three dollars and twenty-five cents (\$3.25) per hour. Unit members serving in stand-by assignments shall be subject to contact requirements as provided for by the Department Head.

# Section 3-7. Show-Up Time

Except in emergencies, an employee who is scheduled to report for work, has not been notified to the contrary, and presents himself/herself for work as scheduled, shall be paid for at least four (4) hours at the hourly or applicable rate of pay. If work on the employee's regular job is not available for reasons beyond his control, the City may assign the employee substitute work. Where there is substitute work readily available, the opportunity for such work will not be arbitrarily denied.

In the event scheduled work is interrupted due to conditions beyond the City's control, and substitute work is not available to be assigned, affected employees shall be paid for four (4) hours at the hourly or applicable rate of pay, beginning at release, or to the end of the scheduled work shift, whichever occurs first. An employee shall have the option of using either vacation time, accumulated substitute holiday credit, or unpaid leave for the balance of his regular shift.

Employees released hereunder prior to the end of their scheduled shift may be required to standby and keep themselves available for immediate call-back during the balance of their scheduled shift (for which time they shall be entitled to stand-by pay under Article 3, Section 3-6 hereof). Employees called back to work shall be entitled to their hourly rate of pay only and not any guaranteed minimums for work performed during the balance of their regularly scheduled shift.

## **Section 3-8. Jury Duty Pay**

A unit member called for jury duty or subpoenaed by a court as a witness shall be granted a leave of absence for the period of jury or witness service and will be compensated his/her regular pay and jury or witness pay for work absences necessarily caused by such jury or witness duty. To be eligible for such pay, an employee must present verification of the call to jury or witness duty.

A unit member required by the Court to call in for jury duty the morning of his/her scheduled daily work shift may elect to take the day off on vacation or compensatory time. Such leave request shall not be denied. Should the unit member be required by the Court to report for jury duty, the vacation or compensatory time will be restored from the actual time of reporting required by the Court through the end of the scheduled work shift. To be eligible for such leave restoration, the unit member must present verification of the jury service.

Unit members subpoenaed to appear as a witness in court as a result of their official duties on their status as a City employee shall return all fees tendered for such service to the City.

Paid witness leave shall not be allowed when the unit member is the defendant, plaintiff, or voluntary character witness in a court action.

# **Section 3-9. Deferred Compensation Program**

The current percentage of base pay for deferred compensation is .45 %.

## Section 3-10. Sick Leave Conversion at Retirement

### A. Sick Leave Cash Out Formula

A unit member who has accumulated a minimum of seven hundred and fifty (750) qualifying hours or more of accrued and unused sick leave at the time of a duty-related retirement shall be paid an amount of compensation equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of his base hourly rate for all hours in excess of two hundred and fifty (250) hours.

#### **B. Final Average Salary**

The number of sick leave hours eligible to be cashed out and included in an employee's Final Average Salary upon retirement will be limited to the number of sick leave hours in the employee's leave bank on July 1, 2012, provided all criteria are met as described in Subsection A.

Employees with less than 250 hours of accrued and unused sick leave on July 1, 2012, will not meet the minimum balance requirements for a sick leave cash out that can be included in their Final Average Salary.

The portion of accrued and unused sick leave that is not included in the Final Average Salary upon retirement can be cashed out as a lump sum upon retirement, provided all criteria are met as described in Subsection A.

The number of vacation leave hours eligible to be cashed out and included in an employee's Final Average Salary upon retirement will be limited to the number of vacation leave hours in the employee's bank on June 30, 2014, not to exceed 450 hours.

## ARTICLE 4: HOURS OF WORK / WORKING CONDITIONS

## Section 4-1. Hours of Work

**A.** This Article is intended to define the normal hours of work and to provide the basis for calculation and payment of overtime pursuant to Article 3, Section 3-2.

#### B. Work Week Defined

The regular work week for regular full-time unit members shall consist of five (5) consecutive work days in a seven (7) day pre-established work period, except as provided in Article 4, Section 4-1-F and except in those departments performing normal services regularly on Saturday and/or Sunday and except in those operations utilizing a different work week, such as a four (4) day work week.

## C. Work Day Defined

The work day for regular full-time unit members shall consist of eight (8) hours of work within any twenty-four (24) hours in a pre-established work schedule, exclusive of unpaid time allotted for meals except in those operations utilizing a different workday schedule such as a ten (10) hour work day.

### D. Work Schedule Changes

Except for emergency situations, permanent regular work schedules shall not be changed without notice by the Department of at least fourteen (14) days to the affected employee(s) and to the Union. Exceptions for more or less than the fourteen (14) days notice mentioned above may be mutually agreed to by labor and management on a case by case non-precedent basis.

When temporary work schedule changes are necessary, the Department will try to give affected employees at least two (2) calendar days notice or, if less notice, it will be considered an emergency.

When changes are to be made by the City on a permanent basis for other than emergency reasons, or where new permanent schedules are to be adopted, the City will notify the Union of such changes or new schedules, prior to implementation. Overtime work or stand-by, before or after the normal work day or work week, does not constitute a change in the work schedule. A department will not reassign employees to another work location temporarily for arbitrary or capricious reason(s).

#### E. Summer Work Schedules

Summer hours may begin no later than the first Monday in April, and may terminate no earlier than the second Monday in October whenever such scheduling impacts operations, all of which are within the discretion and control of the City, and where such summer scheduling has been customarily used in the past. Summer scheduling may, at the discretion of the City, be implemented earlier or terminated later in the year than specified in this section. Summer work schedules in the Streets Department and Parks Department may begin at 5:00 a.m.

It shall be within the Department Head's discretion to determine starting times for summer hours based on such operational considerations as dividing and/or rotating crew starting times to facilitate safety to the public, employees and equipment, to guarantee a high level of convenient service to the public, to preclude negative impact on traffic flow, and similar factors.

It shall be appropriate for the Labor-Management Committee (Article 2, Section 2-2) to review and discuss the daily starting and ending times of summer hours.

#### F. SWEO Schedule

The City may implement a ten (10) hour workday, four (4) workdays per week schedule in all functions of the Solid Waste Management Division. The implementation of the "four/ten" work schedule in other departments designated under Field Unit I may be considered in the Labor-Management Committee upon submission of a request by either party.

Except for Solid Waste Collections and Disposal, the regular work-week for regular full-time unit members working a "four/ten" work schedule shall consist of four (4) consecutive work days in a seven (7) day pre-established work period.

#### Section 4-2. Rest and Lunch Periods

- A. Existing workday schedules spanning nine (9) elapsed hours shall continue to include a sixty (60) minute unpaid meal period. Existing workday schedules of eight and one-half (8-1/2) hours and ten and one-half (10-1/2) hours shall continue to include a thirty (30) minute unpaid meal period. Workday schedules of eight (8) and ten (10) consecutive hours shall include a paid straight time meal period of up to one-half (1/2) hour on the job. Two (2) non-work periods of up to fifteen (15) minutes during a regular daily shift shall be permitted by supervision to promote the health, safety, and efficiency of employees on the job. Emergency situations may make this impossible in rare situations. Activities of employees during those non-work periods shall not be subject to any unreasonable restrictions.
- **B.** When a unit member does not receive a paid meal period, his/her meal period shall be uninterrupted and duty-free.

# **Section 4-3. Clean-Up Time**

Employees will be given time, in keeping with past practice, at the end of a normal daily shift for personal clean-up.

Such time is in addition to and exclusive of any time the City requires be spent for maintaining equipment.

The intent of the above provision has always been to allow field employees who need personal clean-up prior to rest or lunch periods a reasonable amount of time to do so. Clean-up material should be supplied on an as needed basis to field employees. If the field supervisors and

employees act reasonably in addressing the issue, everyone will have a healthier and safer work environment.

## **Section 4-4. Seniority**

- **A.** The City shall provide the Union with a list of unit members showing each unit member's employment date and class date.
- **B.** Seniority shall be by length of service within a class. If seniority within a class is not determinative, then length of service with the City shall prevail.
- C. Seniority shall be used as a factor consistent with established Civil Service procedures in choice of work assignments, vacation schedules, and in the determination of layoffs.

Department policies for work assignment selection and vacation scheduling will be discussed with the Union at least 30 days prior to implementation.

## **Section 4-5. Transfer Program**

The City and the Union acknowledge mutual interest in the success of the present program of minimizing layoffs of employees by seeking to place such employees in other positions, consistent with Civil Service Rules on seniority. The Union agrees to provide positive counseling to unit members so affected to ease the transition to other positions. The City agrees to make available, on request, job counseling in order to provide training assistance to the employee during the first thirty (30) days of the new work assignment.

Although not required to honor a request for a voluntary transfer for an employee having documented extraordinary personal hardship beyond his/her control, the City will try to honor the request. In such a case, factors such as, but not limited to, the employee's shift, seniority, and work record may be considered.

To every extent practicable, a transferred unit member will be allowed to maintain his previous vacation schedule.

#### **Section 4-6. CDL Renewal**

Employees will be allowed City time to renew their CDL license and or related endorsements and will be reimbursed for such renewal fees which will include the HAZMAT background screening fee.

## **ARTICLE 5: BENEFITS**

# **Section 5-1: Employee Assistance**

The City Employee Assistance Program, will provide confidential, individual and family counseling to all unit employees and their eligible dependents. These services will be furnished by an independent contract agency to be chosen by the City.

#### **Section 5-2: Health and Dental Insurance**

- **A.** The City shall maintain the current 80/20 split for health insurance for both single and family coverage. If there is a rate increase or decrease the City shall pay 80% of the new monthly contribution and the employee will pay 20%.
- **B.** The City agrees to the continuation of a Health Insurance Advisory Committee for the purpose of studying existing plans and to explore alternative plans. The Committee shall include representatives of the City and Union.
- C. The City shall retain the dental insurance plan for unit members and their qualified dependents. The plan shall consist of eighty percent (80%) payment of reasonable and customary charges covered for preventive and diagnostic services, basic services, and major services. The plan shall also include an orthodontia benefit providing for eighty percent (80%) payment of reasonable and customary charges up to a maximum lifetime benefit of four-thousand (\$4,000) dollars per person. This plan is subject to the deductibles and limitations contained in the contract between the dental insurance carrier and the City of Phoenix. The City shall pay the premium costs for single unit employees (employee only coverage), and seventy-five percent (75%) of the premium costs for unit employees and their qualified dependents (family coverage).

The City shall maintain the current dental premium split. If there is a rate increase or decrease, the City will pay 100% of the new monthly contribution for single coverage. If there is a rate increase or decrease, the City will pay 75% of the new monthly contribution, and the employee will pay 25% for family dental coverage.

- **D.** The City agrees to continue the formalized complaint procedure with respect to the service under all plans.
- **E.** Unit members retiring on or after July 1, 2006, who meet all other MERP eligibility requirements and purchase either single or family City of Phoenix health insurance, shall receive an additional \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) per month to help defray the cost of health insurance.

Unit members retiring after August 1, 2022, who meet eligibility requirements, shall receive the \$150 month allowance for Post Employment Health Plan accounts (PEHP).

#### **Section 5-3: Life Insurance**

The City will provide regular full-time unit members the existing off-the-job and on-the-job life and dismemberment insurance coverage. The face value of the policy being fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000); in addition the City will pay seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for death in-the-line-of-duty insurance.

The designated beneficiary of a unit member will be paid for all accumulated sick leave hours that remain on the City's official file at the time of a line-of-duty death of the unit member and payment will be based upon the unit member's current base hourly rate. The beneficiary shall be designated on the Employee Declaration of Beneficiary card for the City of Phoenix Group Life Insurance Program on file in the City Human Resources Department.

Additionally, the City will provide to each unit member a \$200,000 death benefit covering the unit member's commutation to and from his City work location. This policy will be consistent with the policy negotiated in 1997 with CIGNA Group Insurance, and will cover the unit member's commute for up to two hours before his shift begins, and two hours after his shift concludes. The Union will only pay the cost of this benefit the first year of the MOU.

In the event of the death of a unit member while commuting to or from his work location, for a period of two hours each way, the City will continue to pay the full monthly health insurance premium for the spouse and all eligible dependents. This policy will be consistent with the terms of the 1997 agreement between the City of Phoenix and CIGNA Group Insurance, for the payment of a supplementary commutation life insurance policy for each unit member. The Union will pay the cost of this benefit, if any, the first year of each new MOU period.

# **Section 5-4. Long Term Disability Insurance**

Pursuant to A.R. 2.323, the City will offer a long term disability benefit for all regular full-time unit members. The City may revise the A.R., provided, however, that such revisions shall not conflict with the express provisions of the MOU.

Employees who have been continuously employed and working on a full-time basis for twelve consecutive months are eligible for long term disability coverage. After an established ninety (90) calendar day qualifying period, the plan will provide up to sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66-2/3%) of the employee's basic monthly salary at the time disability occurs and continue up to age seventy-five (75) for employees who have been employed full-time for 36 months and one

day. This benefit will be coordinated with leave payments, industrial insurance payments, unemployment compensation, social security benefits and disability provisions of the retirement plan.

Employees who have been employed full-time with the City of Phoenix for 36 months or less, will be eligible to receive a long term disability benefit for no more than thirty (30) months.

## Section 5-5. Holidays, Vacation Pay, Family Leave, and Leave Donations

#### A. Holidays / Personal Days

The City agrees to incorporate into the MOU the benefits provided under A.R. 2.11 modified to indicate the following holidays.

Employees, except those on hourly paid status, shall, when possible without disrupting the various municipal services, be allowed the paid holidays listed below:

New Year's Day January 1

Martin Luther King's Birthday January, Third Monday President's Day February, Third Monday

Cesar Chavez Birthday March 31

Memorial Day May, Last Monday

Independence Day July 4

Labor Day September, First Monday

Veteran's Day November 11

Thanksgiving Day

Friday after Thanksgiving Day

Christmas Eve

November, Fourth Thursday

Friday after Thanksgiving

Four (4) hours on December 24

Christmas Day December 25

Two Personal Leave Days After completion of six months of full-time employment.

When a holiday named in this regulation falls on Sunday, it shall be observed on the following Monday. When a holiday named in this regulation falls on Saturday, it shall be observed on the preceding Friday except that in the case of six (6) day operations such holidays may be observed on Saturday. This paragraph shall not apply to Christmas Eve, which shall only be granted when it falls on the employees' regular scheduled workday. In the case of continuous twenty-four (24) hour, seven (7) day operations and seven (7) day non-continuous operations, holidays shall be observed only on the calendar days on which they actually fall.

The Personal Leave Days are added to an employee's vacation leave bank and may be taken on any day of the employee's choosing after completion of six months of full-time employment, subject to operational and scheduling factors and the limitations of A.R. 2.11. This time does not alter the maximum carryover of vacation hours outlined in A.R. 2.18.

If a full-time unit member's regularly scheduled day off falls on a holiday to which he is entitled under this Article, first (1st) consideration shall be given to allowing three (3) consecutive days off, but if this is not feasible, a substitute day off of eight (8) hours with pay shall be given at straight time on a day designated by the Department Head. Unit members who work a 4/10 schedule, whose regularly scheduled day off falls on one of the holidays listed in paragraph C of this Article, shall receive ten (10) hours of compensatory time. An employee shall not be paid in cash in lieu of a substitute holiday except that in extraordinary circumstances the City Manager's office may approve payment in cash at a straight-time rate. The substitute holiday shall not be granted when an employee is on paid industrial leave.

A unit member whose regular scheduled day-off falls on a holiday specified in this Article, and who is called in to work a regular shift on such holiday and scheduled day off, shall be compensated at time and one-half (1-1/2) the regular rate for each hour assigned and worked in addition to the substitute holiday provided above.

#### **B.** Vacation Accumulation

Vacation accrual and carryover shall be governed according to the following table:

<u>SERVICE</u>	MONTHLY <u>ACCRUAL</u>	MAXIMUM <u>CARRYOVER</u>	MAXIMUM PAYOUT
0-5 years	8 hours	192 hours	290 hours
6-10 years	10 hours	240 hours	350 hours
11-15 years	11 hours	264 hours	380 hours
16-20 years	13 hours	312 hours	440 hours
21+ years	15 hours	360 hours	500 hours

C. The parties agree that on all holidays, unit members whose regularly assigned work week consists of four (4) ten-hour (10) shifts, shall not be required to submit documentation for two (2) hours of paid leave.

Unit members shall be allowed a vacation buyout twice per calendar year, by notifying the Department head in writing of such intent during the month of either October or April, to be paid on the last paycheck of November and May. The total annual buyout is up to a maximum of eighty (80) hours taken in no more than forty (40) hour increments, after the employee has accumulated a minimum of one-hundred seventy-five (175) hours and has used forty (40) hours of vacation/comp-time during the calendar year.

#### D. Parental/Family Leave

The City will, as a matter of general policy, and subject to operational needs, authorize up to three (3) months of unpaid leave for an employee who is the parent of a newly born or legally adopted child or any Unit member who needs to care for an ill family member. Family members include spouse, children (natural, adopted, foster, or stepchildren), brother, sister, parents, grandparents, as well as others living in the same household with the employee. Approval and use of this leave shall be subject to existing Personnel Rules.

E. An employee may use up to ten (10) hours of accumulated sick leave in at least one-hour increments each calendar year for the home care or medical treatment for an immediate family member residing in the employee's household. This will be marked as "BO" on leave slips. When there is an extreme illness or injury situation where a life or death question exists involving an immediate family member, an employee may use up to five (5) days of accumulated sick leave. (This should not be construed as bereavement leave under Personnel Rule 15g). This will be marked as "BN" on leave slips.

In addition, employees may have dependent care situations where the above leave is insufficient to cover their absence. Therefore, employees will be allowed to use unscheduled accumulated vacation or compensatory time for the care of an immediate family member up to a maximum of five (5) incidents not to exceed a total of forty (40) hours each calendar year.

For all the above mentioned leaves, (sick leave, vacation, and compensatory leave) the employee will not have these leaves be considered a negative factor, when evaluating the job performance of an employee involved in a leave management program, up to a maximum total of seven (7) incidents per calendar year. An incident is defined as an absence from work, regardless of the length of time.

An immediate family member is defined as the employee's spouse, qualified domestic partner, mother, father or child. A child is defined as a biological, adopted, foster or stepchild, legal ward, or a child of a person standing in place of a parent. A brother, sister, grandparent, or in-law who is living with the employee under his/her care is also defined as an immediate family member.

#### F. Leave Donations

Unit members may contribute accrued vacation or compensatory time to other employees in accordance with City policy governing contribution of leave for serious illness or injury of an employee or their immediate family member. An immediate family member is defined as the employee's spouse, qualified domestic partner, mother, father, or child. A child is defined as a biological, adopted, foster or stepchild, legal ward, or a child of a person standing in place

of a parent. A brother, sister, grandparent, or in-law who is living with the employee under his/her care is also defined as an immediate family member. Requests to receive such leave contributions will require a completed doctor's certification.

#### Section 5-6. Tuition Reimbursement

- **A.** Unit Members who participate in the Tuition Reimbursement Program shall be eligible for tuition reimbursement pursuant to the following provisions:
  - 1. The maximum sum reimbursable to unit members each MOU year shall be \$6,500.
  - 2. To be eligible for any reimbursement, unit members must have successfully completed academic or training courses approved by the department and the Human Resources Director as provided in existing Administrative Regulations.
- **B.** Tuition Reimbursement, in accordance with this Article, shall be made in the event an employee's approved course of instruction is terminated by the educational institution. Tuition reimbursement shall not occur in the event of any voluntary termination of employment by the employee.
- C. The City will reimburse unit members for expenses incurred as a result of requiring and maintaining certification required by the City. The City will not reimburse unit members for classes the City provides at no cost, or for classes the City identifies for unit members to be taken at no cost.
- **D.** Unit members shall be allowed to utilize up to \$150 to attend one-day, in-state, City-related seminars/training.

# **ARTICLE 6: MISCELLANEOUS**

# Section 6-1. Saving Clause

**A.** If any article or section of this MOU should be held invalid by operations of law or by a final judgment of any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, or if compliance with or enforcement of any article or section should be restrained by such tribunal, the remainder of this MOU shall not be affected thereby.

# Section 6-2. Copies of MOU

- **A.** Within sixty (60) days after this MOU is adopted by the City Council, the Union will arrange for printing of jointly approved copies of it for furnishing one to every unit member, unit supervisor and to management personnel. The costs of such duplication and distribution will be borne equally by the Union and the City.
- **B.** Printing vendors secured by the Union shall comply with Chapter 18, Articles IV (City Construction Contractors' Affirmative Action Requirements) and V (Supplier's and Lessee's Affirmative Action Requirements), Phoenix City Code.

#### Section 6-3. Aid to Construction of Provisions of MOU

- **A.** The provisions of this MOU shall be in harmony with the rights, duties, obligations and responsibilities which by law devolve upon the City Council, City Manager, and other City boards and officials, and these provisions shall be interpreted and applied in such manner.
- **B.** The lawful provisions of this MOU are binding upon the parties for the term thereof, it being understood that the Union is precluded from initiating any further meeting and conferring for the term thereof relative to matters under the control of the City Council or the City Manager.

# Section 6-4. Part-Time Employees

Hourly paid unit members, excluding seasonal and temporary employees, who have worked a minimum of fifty (50) hours in each pay period for twenty-six (26) consecutive weeks shall be entitled to the same benefits for authorized work on holidays as received by regular full-time unit members. In addition, such employees shall receive vacation credits prorated for the number of hours worked after the qualifying period is satisfied. Vacation credits shall be calculated and paid in cash in December and June. These hourly-paid employees shall be considered for advancement from Pay Step 1 to Pay Step 2 after completing one-thousand forty (1,040) hours of work in Step 1 and for advancement from Pay Step 2 to Pay Step 3 after working two-thousand-eighty (2,080) hours in Pay Step 2.

Hourly paid unit members who have worked a minimum of fifty (50) hours in each pay period for twenty-six (26) consecutive weeks shall be entitled to the same benefits as received by regular full-time unit members. Members that meet these requirements shall be eligible for participation in the City's Health, Life, and Dental insurance programs. The City's premium participation will be the same as that provided for full-time employees. Continuation of

participation under these plans will be determined by reviewing the average hours worked in the prior 12-month period every calendar year on October 1. This qualifying period will be determined for the following benefit year effective January 1. If the employee separates from City employment, the participation will cease.

Part-time employees are allowed an hours reduction of up to two (2) weeks in one pay period in the twenty-six (26) week qualifying period and each period thereafter, without impacting their eligibility to participate in the part-time employees' benefit programs.

### Section 6-5. Term and Effect of MOU

- **A.** This Memorandum shall remain in full force and effect commencing with the beginning of the first regular pay period in July **2019**, up to the beginning of the first regular pay period commencing in July **2021**. In compliance with the Meet and Confer Ordinance (Phoenix City Code Chapter 2, Article XVII, Division 1) as may be amended, on or before December 1, **2020**, LIUNA 777 shall submit its proposed memorandum of understanding for the next contract period.
- **B.** Except as expressly provided in this MOU, the City shall not be required to meet and confer concerning any matter, whether covered or not covered herein, during the term or extensions thereof.
- C. The provisions of this MOU shall be subject to Federal, State and local law that vests jurisdiction and authority in other public boards and officials, including the City Council, Phoenix Employment Relations Board, Phoenix Civil Service Board, City Manager and Department Managers, or determines issues contrary to the provisions hereof.
- D. This MOU constitutes the total and entire agreements between the parties and no verbal statement shall supersede any of its provisions. All side agreements executed during this MOU contract period will expire on or before the contract end date unless incorporated into the MOU or extended by mutual agreement. Any supplement, amendments, or modifications to this MOU which are mutually agreed upon must be reduced to writing and signed by both parties.

# IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands this \_\_\_\_ of May, 2019

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