

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JEREMIA MILLS, EMPLOYEE RELATIONS MANAGER, HUMAN
RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF AN EXTENSION AGREEMENT EXTENDING THE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR AND ON BEHALF
OF THE EMPLOYEES IN THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA'S UNIT 5 –
POLICE OFFICERS, REPRESENTED BY THE SANTA ROSA
POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020
THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Human Resources Department and the City Manager's Office that the Council, by resolution, adopt the Extension Agreement Between the City of Santa Rosa and Santa Rosa Police Officers Association for and on Behalf of the Employees in the City's Unit #5 – Police Officers, extending the Memorandum of Understanding by six months and effective July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

By adopting this resolution, Council will bring this bargaining unit under contract through December 31, 2020.

BACKGROUND

On March 2, 2020, the County of Sonoma declared a Local Public Health Emergency as well as a Local Emergency, to respond to novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The City of Santa Rosa declared a local state of emergency to mobilize resources and streamline emergency preparations on March 2, 2020.

A State of Emergency has subsequently been declared by the Governor of the State of California and the President of the United States of America for the current health emergency.

On March 17, 2020, the Sonoma County Public Health Officer issued a shelter in place order directing all individuals living in the County to shelter at their place of residence.

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Subsequent orders were issued by the County Public Health Officer which modified the original order.

The City's representatives and representatives of the Santa Rosa Police Officers Association, representing the City's Unit 5 – Police Officers, have met and conferred concerning a successor Memorandum of Understanding and have agreed to an extension of the current contract to permit additional time to assess the financial effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the City prior to negotiating a successor MOU.

ANALYSIS

Chapter 2-36 of the Santa Rosa City Code and the Rules and Regulations pertaining to Employer-Employee Relations adopted thereunder, establishes procedures and a reasonable period of time for the meet and confer process to take place between the City's management representatives and representatives of recognized employee organizations, all in accordance with the provisions of the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act and applicable laws.

The purpose of this extension agreement is to permit additional time to assess the financial effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the City prior to negotiating a successor MOU. The parties agree to meet periodically between July 1 and September 30, 2020, at the request of either party, to exchange information regarding financial and other matters. Both parties hereby agree formal negotiations for a successor MOU shall begin no later than October 1, 2020.

In recognition of the unique responsibilities of police officers to the community as first responders during the Covid-19 pandemic and the resultant high level of potential exposure to the virus experienced by bargaining unit members during the course and scope of their service to the community, the City agrees to the following:

- Effective July 1, 2020, unit members shall receive an initial 10 hours of leave into a separate bank, entitled: "COVID-19 TIME OFF BANK".
- Beginning July 1, 2020, and ending December 31, 2020, for each subsequent full week (Sunday at 0001 through Saturday at 2400) that the Sonoma County Health Officer has issued/issues a "shelter in place" directive for Sonoma County residents, the City will provide each member of the bargaining unit two and one-half (2.5) hours of paid time off into the "COVID-19 TIME OFF BANK".
- Paid hours in this bank of time shall have no cash value. Time off taken by members using their individual banked hours from the "COVID-19 TIME OFF BANK"
 - Shall not cause overtime costs to back-fill their position.
 - The maximum accumulation of time off in a bargaining unit member's bank shall not exceed sixty (60) hours.
 - Any "COVID-19 TIME OFF BANK" hours remaining in a member's bank as of June 30, 2021, shall expire."

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FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this action does not have a fiscal impact on the General Fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution / Exhibit A – Extension Agreement extending the MOU between the City of Santa Rosa and SRPOA, Unit #5 – Police Officers

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