



**TEAMSTERS, CHAUFFEURS,
WAREHOUSEMAN, AND HELPERS’
LOCAL UNION NO. 542**
Memorandum of Understanding
July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024

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A. BASIC RIGHTS

ARTICLE 1 - INTENT

1.1 Pursuant to the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act and Employer-Employee Relations Resolution of the City of Brawley, California, this Memorandum of Understanding has been entered into by the City of Brawley, a municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as the "City" and Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen, and Helpers, Local Union No. 542, Brawley Employees' Association, hereinafter referred to as "Teamsters, Local 542", which is to be in effect during the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 . The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is the promotion of harmonious relations between the City and the Teamsters Local 542, the establishment of equitable procedures for the peaceful resolution of differences and the establishment of rates of compensation, hours of work, and other matters relating to employment conditions.

ARTICLE 2 – RECOGNITION

2.1 The City continues to recognize Teamsters, Local 542 as the exclusive, recognized employees' organization for the permanent, full-time employees assigned to the classification so listed in Appendix "A" as eligible for membership in and represented by the Association. After consultation with Teamsters, Local 542, any additions or deletions to these classifications shall be furnished to Teamsters, Local 542 by the City.

2.2 City employees who are excluded from the bargaining unit are as follows:

- A. Management, Confidential, Part-time, or Temporary Employees and other City employees represented by another bargaining unit organized pursuant to the City of Brawley Employer-Employee Relations Resolution.

ARTICLE 3 – NON-DISCRIMINATION

3.1 In receiving the rights afforded by this agreement, no person shall in any way be favored or discriminated against to the extent prohibited by law because of political or religious opinions or affiliations, or because of racial or national origin, or because of age or sex or physical handicap.

3.2 Neither City nor Teamsters, Local 542 shall interfere with, intimidate, restrain, coerce, or discriminate against employees covered by this agreement because of the exercise of rights to engage or not in engage in Association activity.

3.3 Teamsters, Local 542 shall share equally with the City the responsibility for applying this provision of the agreement.

ARTICLE 4 – MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

4.1 Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, the City has and retains the sole and exclusive rights and functions of management, including, but not limited to, the following:

- A. To determine the nature and extent of services to be performed, as well as the right to determine and implement its public function and responsibility.
- B. To manage all facilities and operations of the City, including the methods, means, and personnel by which the City's operations are to be conducted.
- C. To schedule working hours and assign work.
- D. To establish, modify, or change work schedules or standards.
- E. To direct the working forces, including the right to hire, assign, promote, demote, or transfer any employee.
- F. To determine the location of all plants and facilities.
- G. To determine the layout and the machinery, equipment, or materials to be used.
- H. To determine processes, techniques, methods, and means of all operations, including changes or adjustments of any machinery or equipment.
- I. To determine the size and composition of the working force.
- J. To determine policy and procedures affecting the selection or training of employees.
- K. To establish, assess, and implement employee performance standards, including, but not limited to, quality and quantity standards; the assessment of employee performance; and the procedures for said assessment.
- L. To control and determine the use and location of City property, material, machinery, or equipment.
- M. To schedule the operation of and to determine the number and length of shifts.
- N. To determine safety, health, and property protection measures.
- O. To transfer work from one job to another or from one plant or unit to another.

- P. To introduce new, improved, or different methods of operations, or to change existing methods.
- Q. To lay off employees from duty for lack of work, lack of funds, or any other reason that necessitates layoffs.
- R. To reprimand, suspend, discharge, or otherwise discipline employees.
- S. To establish, modify, determine, or eliminate job classifications.
- T. To promulgate, modify, and enforce work and safety rules and regulations.
- U. To take such other and further action as may be necessary to organize and operate the City in the most efficient and economical manner and in the best interest of the public it serves.
- V. To contract or subcontract construction, services, maintenance, distribution, or any other work with outside public or private entities.
- W. All rights and responsibilities of the City, not specifically modified by this Agreement, are expressly retained by the City.

ARTICLE 5 – TEAMSTERS LOCAL 542 RIGHTS

5.1 Teamsters, Local 542 union stewards shall be designated by Teamsters, Local 542. The number of union stewards allowable will be determined in the following manner:

- A. Teamsters, Local 542 may designate one union steward per division to perform normal Teamsters, Local 542 representative duties as defined in the contract. Alternates may substitute.
- B. Teamsters, Local 542 shall notify the City, in writing, of the names of the union stewards and their respective jurisdictional area at least five working days prior to the effective date of any such designation.

5.2 All union stewards shall notify their department head each time they wish to conduct Teamsters, Local 542 business and shall be relieved of duty unless operational demands prohibit granting the request. Use of union steward's time shall not be abused by the employee, and use of said time will not be unreasonably withheld by the responsible supervisor. An alternative Teamsters, Local 542 union steward may serve in the absence of the designated union steward.

5.3 Teamsters, Local 542 business shall include the investigation of potential grievances, representation of employees at any step of the written grievance procedure at the department level, informal pre-termination hearings, attendance at Teamsters, Local

542/Management meetings, and negotiation of Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Teamsters, Local 542.

5.4 Representatives of Teamsters, Local 542 may communicate with individual employees during the individual employee's work breaks or lunch periods. The conduct of such business shall be such as not to interfere with the individual employee's duties. Said representative must notify the employee's immediate supervisor upon entering the work area in order to identify himself/herself, and to make arrangements to communicate with the particular employee.

5.5 The two members of the Teamsters, Local 542's negotiating committee or their alternates, shall be granted leave from duty, with full pay, for all meetings held for the purpose of negotiating the terms of the Contract when such meetings take place at a time when such members are scheduled to be on duty. Only the two Teamsters, Local 542 members or their alternates may be granted leave, with pay, to attend negotiation sessions.

5.6 The Teamsters, Local 542, union stewards shall be scheduled reasonable time off, with pay, to accomplish the general Teamsters, Local 542 business. Scheduling of such leave will be at the discretion of the Department Head.

5.7 The City shall provide bulletin boards for use by the Teamsters, Local 542 to enable employees in the bargaining unit to see notices posted thereon when reporting to or leaving their work stations or during their break periods.

5.8 All notices, which appear on the Teamsters, Local 542's bulletin boards shall be posted by and monitored by a designated Teamsters, Local 542 representative, and shall relate to items of interest to the members. Teamsters, Local 542 notices, relating to the following matters, may be posted without the necessity of receiving the City management representative's prior approval:

- A. Teamsters, Local 542 recreational and social affairs.
- B. Notice of Teamsters, Local 542 meetings.
- C. Teamsters, Local 542 officers and committee appointments.
- D. Notice of Teamsters, Local 542's elections.
- E. Results of Teamsters, Local 542's elections.
- F. Reports of standing committees and independent arms of Teamsters, Local 542.
- G. Publications, rulings, or policies of Teamsters, Local 542.

5.9 Any other notices of any kind not covered by “A-G” above, must receive the prior approval of the City Manager or his/her designee. It is also understood that no material may be posted on bulletin boards, at any time, which contain the following:

- A. Personal attacks upon any other member or any other employee.
- B. Scandalous, scurrilous, or derogatory attacks upon the administration.
- C. Attacks on and/or favorable comments regarding a candidate for a partisan, political office within the City government.

ARTICLE 6 – MAINTENANCE OF BENEFITS

6.1 **Dues Paying Member:** Any employee who is a dues paying member of Teamsters Union Local 542 (Union) in good standing upon the effective date of this Memorandum of Understanding, and any employee who thereafter becomes a dues paying member, shall remain a dues paying member of the Union until such time as the member chooses to terminate his/her membership.

If a dues paying member of the Union does not terminate his/her payments of dues as provided for in Article 6.2, said member shall continue as a dues paying member for the term of this Memorandum of Understanding.

6.2 **Termination of Membership:** Any employee who is a dues paying member of Teamsters Union Local 542 shall have the right to terminate his/her payment of dues to Teamsters Union Local 542 upon written notice to Teamsters Union Local 542 Secretary Treasurer.

6.3 **Authorization to Deduct Dues:** During the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding, pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code 1157.12, the City of Brawley shall deduct from the bi-weekly payroll check of each member of the Union covered by this Memorandum of Understanding, who has signed an appropriate authorization of dues deduction form for membership dues as determined by Teamsters Union Local 542 in accordance with Teamsters Union Local 542 By-laws and Constitution. The Union shall notify Human Resources or its designee of any changes in dues amount at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of said change.

6.4 **Union Indemnification:** The Union shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City of Brawley and its officials, representatives, and agents against any and all claims, demands, suits, or other forms of liability (monetary or otherwise) and for legal costs that shall arise out of or by reason of action taken or not taken by the City of Brawley regarding this Maintenance of Membership Article. If an improper deduction is made, the Union shall promptly refund any such amount directly to the employee.

ARTICLE 7 – SAVINGS CLAUSE

7.1 If any article or section of this Memorandum of Understanding should be found invalid, unlawful, or unenforceable by reason of any existing or subsequent enacted legislation, or by judicial authority, all other articles and sections of this Memorandum shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of this Memorandum.

7.2 In the event of invalidation of any article or section, the City will notify Teamsters, Local 542 within three working days of such invalidation and the City and Teamsters, Local 542 agree to meet within 15 working days for the purpose of renegotiating said article or section.

B. SALARIES

ARTICLE 8 – SALARIES SCHEDULE

8.1 The various classifications of employees shall be compensated in accordance with the City Salary Schedules attached as Appendix “A”. These include:

One and one-half percent increase in the Salary Schedule effective July 1, 2021

One and one-half percent increase in the Salary Schedule effective July 1, 2022

One percent increase in the Salary Schedule effective July 1, 2023

8.2 During the term of this agreement, in the event any other Bargaining Unit receives a salary adjustment of more than the terms of this Agreement, employees covered by this Agreement shall receive the same.

ARTICLE 9 – OVERTIME

9.1 For all employees hired prior to October 15, 2019: Employees not exempt from the requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) will be paid time and one-half for authorized hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours in one (1) workweek. The following shall be considered paid time off work for the purpose of calculating overtime: vacation leave, sick leave, holiday leave, and compensatory time off.

9.2 For all employees hired on or after October 15, 2019: Employees not exempt from the requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) will be paid time and one-half for authorized hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours in one (1) work week. Only hours worked will be considered in the calculation of overtime.

9.3 The following shall not be considered for the purpose of calculating overtime: unpaid leave (i.e., unpaid leaves of absence, disciplinary leave, etc.). All overtime work by non-exempt employees must be authorized in advance by the supervisor who will be responsible for the period of overtime. At the discretion of the employee, compensatory time-off may be substituted for overtime pay; provided, that no employee may accrue more than eighty (80) hours of compensatory time off.

ARTICLE 10 – CALL BACK PAY

10.1 All classifications covered by this agreement shall be entitled to two (2) hour minimum for reporting to work after the completion of a normal work day, which will be computed at time and one half after 40 hours have been worked in any work week.

ARTICLE 11 – SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL

11.1 Shift Differential is defined as the amount of compensation authorized to be paid to an employee above his/her regular straight time hourly rate of pay for working a regularly scheduled shift other than a day shift. Overtime not included.

11.2 Only the following classifications shall earn a shift differential:

- A. Water Plant Operators working 4:00 p.m. to midnight shift shall earn a shift differential at 2½% of their base salary.
- B. Water Plant Operators working the midnight to 8:00 a.m. shift shall earn a shift differential of 5% of their base salary.

ARTICLE 12 – STAND-BY PAY

12.1 All classifications placed on stand-by assignment by the Public Works Director or his/her designee, who is required to be on stand-by for seven consecutive days shall be paid in accordance with Article 10 and Article 12, and an amount equal to 16 hours at time and one half. In order to reduce response times, employees on stand-by status may be allowed to take home a City vehicle. In the event a City vehicle is not provided to the employee on stand-by status, the responding employee may first obtain a city vehicle before responding to the call out. This pertains to the Teamster members working in the Streets and Utilities Division of Public Works. No other divisions nor departments have been placed on stand-by.

ARTICLE 13 – MOVE-UP PAY

13.1 Any employee who works at a higher job classification shall be paid at the basic rate of pay of that position when he/she commences work in that position, provided that the increase shall be at least a one-step increase. All move up assignments will be specifically designated by the City and a record of such assignments maintained in each department.

ARTICLE 14 – PROMOTIONS AND TRANSFERS

14.1 Consistent with the best interests of the City, vacant or new higher-level positions in the competitive service shall be filled by competitive examination with preference to qualified in-house applicants. In-house applicants eligible for promotion include those applicants employed by the department and those employed in other City departments with preference in that order. All promotional applicants must meet City and job description minimum qualifications to be qualified for the competitive examination process.

In-house applicants must meet the minimum qualifications specified in the position description, unless waived by the City Manager. Should no in-house qualified applicants pass the combination of written and oral examinations, the position may be filled by open recruitment and examination.

14.2 Reclassification – Will allow water and wastewater operators promotion for higher certificates.

14.3 A transfer is a move from one position to another in the same or different classification or department. A transfer may be initiated by an employee, a department head, or the City Manager.

If an employee wants to transfer within a department, he/she should advise his/her supervisor and submit a written request to his/her department head. If an employee wishes to transfer from a department, he/she should submit his/her request to the Personnel Administrator. Approval of a transfer is subject to availability of an opening, agreement of the supervisors or department heads involved, and, if it is between departments, approval of the City Manager. For transfer requests to be considered for an open position, Personnel must have received the request prior to commencement of recruitment. The employee wishing to transfer must possess all the qualifications of the position he/she wishes to transfer to and will begin at step one of that pay scale.

ARTICLE 15 – STEP/MERIT INCREASES

- 15.1 Step advancement shall be as follows:
- A. Employees shall advance to Step 2 of the basic salary schedule after successfully completing one (1) year of satisfactory performance as documented on employee performance appraisal forms.
 - B. Employees shall advance to Step 3 of the basic salary schedule after one (1) year at Step 2, based upon satisfactory performance as documented on employee performance appraisal forms.
 - C. Employees shall advance to Step 4 of basic salary schedule after one (1) year at Step 3 based upon a pattern of above average performance.
 - D. Employees shall advance to Step 5 of the basic salary schedule after one (1) year at Step 4, based upon a pattern of meritorious performance as documented on employee performance appraisal forms.
- 15.2 All increases shall be effective on the date of eligibility.

ARTICLE 16 – COMPENSATORY TIME OFF (COMP TIME)

- 16.1 Compensatory Time is that time off earned by an employee in lieu of overtime pay.
- 16.2 Compensatory Time Off shall be scheduled by mutual agreement of the employee and their supervisor. The request to take Compensatory time off must be approved by the supervisor and the Department Head.
- 16.3 Advancing Comp Time is not permitted.
- 16.4 An employee may use his/her Comp Time to extend his vacation time with the approval of the Department Head. The Department Head shall not unreasonably deny use of Comp Time to extend an employee's vacation period.

C. FRINGE BENEFITS

ARTICLE 17 – HOLIDAYS

17.1 All employees covered by this agreement shall be entitled to the following authorized holidays:

1. January 1 – New Year’s Day
2. Third Monday in January – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
3. Third Monday in February – Presidents’ Day
4. Last Monday in May – Memorial Day, Observed
5. July 4th – Independence Day
6. First Monday in September – Labor Day
7. November 11th – Veteran’s Day
8. Fourth Thursday in November – Thanksgiving Day
9. Day after Thanksgiving
10. December 24th – Christmas Eve
11. December 25th – Christmas Day
12. New Year’s Eve
13. One Floating Holiday
14. Birthday

17.2 When a holiday falls on a Sunday, the succeeding Monday will be observed. When a holiday falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday will be observed.

17.3 Any employee who is regularly scheduled to work on a holiday shall receive pay for all hours worked, in addition to the paid holiday or another day off at employee’s option. The holiday will be paid at the end of the fiscal year if not used.

17.4 Any employee who is scheduled to be on-call (stand-by) on one of the twelve scheduled holidays may take an alternate day off, not compensatory time, within the following four (4) weeks or preceding week of the holiday or the employee may choose to receive Holiday pay of eight (8) hours.

17.5 Birthday - The birthday holiday should be taken on the employee's birthday, if possible. Employee shall submit a Birthday Holiday Leave Request at least five (5) days prior to their birthday for processing by their supervisor. Employees who do not take their birthday holiday within five (5) days of their birthday shall forfeit their birthday holiday unless the delay is due to departmental needs.

ARTICLE 18 – CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

18.1 All classifications listed in this Memorandum of Understanding and required to wear a City uniform shall receive a clothing allowance of six (6) new uniforms (pants and shirts) to be provided by the City each year during January. Employee, with Department

Head's approval, may choose among the styles or materials offered by the supplier as compatible with the basic uniform. Cold weather jackets shall be furnished on an "as needed" basis as determined by the Department Head, to a maximum of one jacket per year.

ARTICLE 19 – VACATION

19.1 The term "vacation week" shall mean five days out of a calendar week of seven days. A vacation month is a calendar month, regardless of length.

19.2 Only full-time, permanent employees listed in the appendix of this MOU shall be eligible for vacation benefits.

19.3 Regular, full-time employees will receive vacation benefits in accordance with the following schedule:

- A. Employees with one year (12 months) to five years (60 months) of employment shall be entitled to two vacation weeks per year earned in monthly increments at the rate of 6.7 hours vacation leave per month (80 hours per year).
- B. Employees with more than five years (61 months) up to fifteen years (180 months) of employment shall be entitled to three vacation weeks per year, earned in monthly increments at the rate of 10.0 hours vacation leave per month (120.0 hours per year).
- C. Employees with more than fifteen years (181 months or more) of employment shall be entitled to four vacation weeks per year, earned in monthly increments at the rate of 13.4 hours vacation leave per month (160.8 hours per year).

19.4 Vacation will continue to accrue to two times an employee's annual entitlement. Effective July 1, 2016, any vacation hours in the employee's account will be maintained as a reserve leave bank. Once the employee has exhausted his/her vacation hours accrued after July 1, 2016, the employee may use their reserved leave bank hours. Once hours are used in the reserve leave bank, it cannot be added to or replenished. Upon separation from City employment, accrued, but unused vacation hours, including hours in the reserved leave bank, will be paid.

19.5 Vacation leave must be used in a minimum one-half (1/2) day increments.

19.6 Employees leaving the service of the City shall be paid in a lump sum for unused vacation.

19.7 The purpose of vacation benefits is to allow each employee time away from his/her job for rest, recreation, and pursuit of non-employment objectives. The time when vacation leave shall be taken will be determined by the City after considering department operational needs and the seniority and wishes of the employees.

Where there is need to maintain continuous service or staff telephones in a particular situation, a coordinated staff schedule, developed by supervisors, may be necessary to provide service without interruption.

19.8 An employee's vacation shall vest as of the completion of their probationary period. Vacation leave may be granted after successful completion of probation.

ARTICLE 20 – SICK LEAVE

20.1 Full-time, permanent employees listed in this MOU shall earn sick leave for the purposes specified in this Article at the rate of one eight (8) hour work day for each calendar month or on a prorated basis for periods of less than one month.

20.2 Sick Leave may be accumulated without limit.

20.3 Sick leave shall not be considered as a right which an employee may use at his/her discretion. It shall be allowed only in the case of necessity and actual personal sickness and disability.

20.4 The employee shall notify his/her supervisor of illness at least one (1) hour prior to his/her scheduled reporting time. Such notification is required to be eligible for sick leave compensation.

20.5 The practice of advancing sick leave shall not be permitted. Upon approval of the Department Head or designee, accrued sick leave shall be granted to an employee only:

- A. When incapacitated to perform job duties due to illness, injury, pregnancy, or childbirth.
- B. When receiving required medical or dental treatment or examination.
- C. Upon incapacitating illness, injury, or death in the immediate family. A maximum of five days per fiscal year may be taken for this purpose.

20.6 Sick Leave may be used up to a maximum of three work days, five days for funerals out of the area including the day of the funeral, by employees who are required to absent themselves from work to attend the funeral of a member of their immediate family (defined as a spouse, parent, sibling, child, grandchild, and grandparent). One day of sick leave may be used for a death in the spouse's immediate family, three days if the employee is responsible for making funeral arrangements.

20.7 Evidence in the form of a physician's certificate may be required by the Department Head or designee when there is one absence in excess of three days or more, and when there is reason to believe the sick leave privileges are being abused. The City Manager Department Head may disallow sick leave if adequate certification of illness is not presented by the employee.

20.8 No City employee shall be entitled to sick leave, with pay, while absent from duty for the following reasons:

- A. Disability arising from sickness or injury purposely self-inflicted or caused by any of his/her own willful misconduct, including intoxication or the result therefrom.
- B. Sickness or disability sustained while on Leave of Absence other than regular vacation leave or sick leave.
- C. Disability or illness arising from compensated employment other than the City of Brawley.
- D. Termination of the employee's continuous service except by reason of layoff, lack of work or funds, shall abrogate all sick leave accrued to the time of termination, regardless of whether or not such person subsequently reenters the City's service. No payment shall be made to any employee for unused sick leave accumulated to his/her credit at the time of his/her termination with the City except as covered in the following manner:
 - 1) Employees with a minimum of fifteen years of service shall upon retirement receive payment in the amount of 25% of the unused accumulated sick leave. Upon the death of an active employee, with 15 years or more service, 25% of this unused accumulated sick leave shall be paid to his/her estate.
 - 2) Employees eligible to receive buy-back shall be allowed to do so as outlined below.

20.9 Any employee absent at the start of his/her shift due to illness or injury who recovers sufficiently during the course of his/her shift and is able to report to work is required to do so. In such a situation, the employee involved shall only be charged for actual sick leave used to the nearest half-hour.

20.10 Paid sick leave shall be counted as time worked for the purpose of computing sick leave and vacation pay.

20.11 Any employee absent due to illness or injury for a period in excess of six (6) working days must contact his/her department head not less than once per calendar week to advise the department head of the employee's status, to be brought up to date on

departmental activities and to inform the department head of the continued expectation of the employee's disability from employment. Failure to contact the department head as required in this section may result in discipline up to and including termination.

Bereavement

- A. Section 1 – Whenever an employee is absent from work because of a death in the immediate family, he/she shall be entitled to three (3) paid working days. The immediate family shall be any of the following: Father, Father-in-law, Step-Father, Mother, Mother-in-law, Step-Mother, sister, sister-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, wife, husband, son (includes stepson), daughter (includes stepdaughter), grandmother, grandfather, daughter-in law, and grandchildren.
- B. The granting of this leave shall not affect the employee's vacation or sick leave.
- C. All bereavement leave must be reported on payroll sheets and approved by the Department Head, with an indication of the relationship of the deceased family member. Upon request, a death certificate shall be supplied.
- D. Extended Bereavement Leave: In the event of travel more than two hundred (200) miles one-way is required to attend the funeral service, the employee may request unpaid extended funeral leave. The employee may use vacation hours or compensatory time to receive compensation for the days on Extended Bereavement Leave.

ARTICLE 21 – VACATION LEAVE BUY BACK

21.1 The Vacation Leave Buy Back Program shall be provided to employees who elect for the City to buy back accrued vacation time at the maximum amount of 40 hours, or one workweek per year. To be eligible, an employee must utilize at least 40 hours of vacation time in the preceding 12-month period and retain a minimum balance of 40 hours of vacation leave accrued. In June of each year, the City's Finance Department shall provide notice that they are accepting vacation buy back requests. Employee pay-outs will be in the month of July.

ARTICLE 22 – CATASTROPHIC LEAVE

22.1 Vacation credits may be transferred from one or more eligible City employees to another City employee, on an hour for hour basis (proration to and administered by the Finance Director), in accordance with Departmental guidelines and approval, and upon the request of both the receiving employee and the transferring employee, under the following conditions:

- A. The receiving employee is required to be absent from work due to injury or the prolonged illness of the employee, has exhausted all earned leave credits, including but not limited to sick leave, vacation, and compensatory time, and is therefore facing financial hardship.
- B. The transfer must be for a minimum of four hours and in whole hour increments thereafter. Transfers may be “metered” by the appointing authority.
- C. The total vacation credits received by an employee shall not normally exceed 520 hours; however, if approved by his/her appointing authority, the total vacation credits in excess of 1,040 hours will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the appointing authority subject to the approval of the City Manager.
- D. The transfers are irrevocable, and will be indistinguishable from other vacation credits belonging to the receiving employee. Transfers are subject to all taxes required by law.
- E. Transfers shall be administered according to the rules and regulations of the City’s Finance Director, and made on a form prescribed by the Finance Director. Approval of the appointing authority will be provided on such forms.

22.2 This program is not subject to the Grievance Procedure of the current Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE 23 – RETIREMENT

23.1 The City will continue to contribute its share to the Public Employees’ Retirement System (PERS) according to the effective rate as set by the Public Employees’ Retirement System.

23.2 Effective July 1, 2013, all employees shall pay their 7% PERS contribution.

23.3 Employees hired prior to January 1, 2013 are subject to the PERS retirement formula of 2% @ 55, one-year final compensation. Those hired after January 1, 2013 became subject to the California Public Employees’ Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) with a retirement formula of 2% @ 62 and shall pay a portion of the normal cost of pension contributions as defined by PEPRA.

ARTICLE 24 – LONGEVITY PAY

24.1 One-time longevity pay of \$750 for all topped out members; \$500 for all other members. This was paid out in October 2019.

ARTICLE 25 – GROUP INSURANCE

25.1 To be eligible for group insurance, an employee must:

- A. Occupy a permanent, full-time budgeted position.
- B. Work at least 40 hours per week.
- C. Meet the necessary qualifying periods associated with the insurance program.

25.2 Effective January 1, 2020, insurance premium costs shall be divided between the City and the employee as follows: 1) the City shall pay 75% of the employee chosen medical plan premium, 2) the employee shall pay 25% of the employee chosen medical plan premium and any other benefit plan the employee chooses. The City no longer offers cash in lieu of medical.

25.3 Teamsters, Local 542 agrees to participate in a committee composed of representatives of the various associations and unrepresented employees. This committee shall have members who have a range of interests (i.e., single person(s) to individuals with children and/or spouses) in an attempt to have a balanced committee.

The purpose of this committee will be to determine the benefits, premiums, carrier, and payment schedule of the health care plan. The goals of the committee will be to decrease costs, not to decrease benefits, and to have the most responsible carrier.

25.4. City of Brawley and Teamsters Union Local 542 agree to yearly re-openers, based on available plans by January 30, for each year the contract is in effect.

ARTICLE 26 – WORKERS’ COMPENSATION

26.1 An employee receiving temporary total disability payments under the Workers’ Compensation laws for an on-the-job injury, occurring while employed by the City of Brawley, may use accumulated sick leave in order to continue to maintain his/her regular income. The City will deduct one-half day per working day of absence from the employee’s sick leave and the remainder will be paid as regular hours. However, all employees receiving full salaries in lieu of temporary disability payments, pursuant to the Labor Code, are entitled to accumulate sick leave during such periods of disability.

26.2 When accrued sick leave has expired, if the employee is still unable to work because of disability, he/she will be permitted to use his/her accrued vacation leave as sick leave. Subsequent to the expiration of both the employee's sick and vacation leave, employee shall receive no additional compensation from the City including the health benefits allowance.

26.3 The City will follow California State Workers' Compensation Law with all employee workers' compensation claims and absences due to work related injuries.

ARTICLE 27 – MILITARY LEAVE

27.1 Military Leave shall be granted in accordance with the provisions of State Law. Every employee entitled to receive the benefits of military leave shall give his/her Department Head the opportunity, within limits of military necessity, to determine when such leave shall be taken.

27.2 Any employee of Teamsters, Local 542 who is or becomes a member of any Military Reserve or California National Guard shall be given time off without loss of pay to attend the Reserve two-week annual active-duty requirement.

ARTICLE 28 – COURT LEAVE

28.1 Any employee required by the City to appear in any court as a juror, witness in a criminal case, or witness in a civil case during his/her work shift for the purpose of giving testimony, shall receive full compensation as though he/she were actually on the job during such time.

He/she shall claim any jury, witness, or other fee to which he/she may be entitled by reason of such appearance, and pay the same over to the City Treasurer to be deposited in the applicable fund of the City, with the exception of any mileage reimbursements. Employees appearing in court, for the above stated reasons on scheduled days off, shall retain any and all remuneration as may be authorized for such appearance. Notation will be made on the time card for the days of court leave granted to the employee while absent from his/her regular scheduled duties. If the employee is not selected for jury duty or is released from testimony, he/she shall return to duty if released during scheduled work shift hours. In those cases where an employee elects to retain jury duty or witness fees, such time shall not be counted as time worked.

28.2 No civil case shall be covered by this Article in which the employee has interest. Voluntary jury duty is not covered by this Article.

ARTICLE 29 – USE OF CITY FACILITIES

29.1 Teamsters, Local 542 may, with the prior approval of the City Manager be granted the use of City facilities for meetings of City employees, provided space is available, and provided further that such meetings are in accordance with Teamsters, Local 542 Rights Article. The City reserves the right to assess reasonable charges for the use of such facilities. The use of City equipment other than items normally used in the conduct of business meetings, such as desks, chairs, ash trays, and black boards is strictly prohibited. The presence of such equipment in an approved City facility notwithstanding.

ARTICLE 30 – ACCESS TO WORK LOCATIONS

30.1 Reasonable access to employee work locations shall be granted officers of Teamsters, Local 542 and their officially designated representatives, for the purpose of processing grievances or contacting members of the organization concerning business within the scope of representation. Such officers or representatives shall not enter any work location without notifying the Department Head or City Manager. Access shall be restricted so as not to unduly interfere with the normal operations of the department or with established safety or security requirements.

30.2 Solicitation of membership and activities concerned with the internal management of an employee organization; such as collection of dues, campaigning for office, conducting elections, and distributing literature, shall not be conducted during working hours.

ARTICLE 31 – TUITION REFUND PROGRAM

31.1 Purpose. The purpose is to enable the employee to meet the standards of his/her current position and to prepare the employee for advancement to the next highest position classification above the one he/she currently occupies.

31.2 Eligibility Rules. Eligible employees will be reimbursed 100% of the tuition for fees for textbooks and supplies under certain conditions, up to a limit of \$500 per fiscal year for professional and technical courses offered by accredited colleges, universities, business, trade, or correspondence schools or by an otherwise accepted trade professional association or institute, as determined by the City.

Conditions under which reimbursement may be approved are as follows:

A. The course work must relate to the applicant's present position or must be beneficial to the employee's City related professional development, or must enhance career advancement potential within the City as follows:

1) An improvement in skills or knowledge required by the present position.

- B. Requests for reimbursement must be approved by the Department Director concerned and the City Manager before enrollment in the course.
- C. Reimbursement will be made for tuition fees and/or required textbooks as verified by the Department Head and the City Manager by receipts, etc., upon completion of the course with a grade of at least “C”, “Satisfactory”, “Pass”, or the equivalent.
- D. The employee must have completed six months of City service in a regular budgeted City position.
- E. The minimum amount of tuition reimbursement which will be approved for any employee is \$5.00 per course.
- F. The employee may use other financial sources for education costs. The total reimbursement shall not exceed 100% of the cost.

31.3 Request and Reimbursements – Procedure. Requests for authorization to enroll under the Tuition Refund Program and requests for reimbursement shall be on the forms provided and follow the procedure prescribed by the City.

ARTICLE 32 – SOCIAL SECURITY

32.1 The City will continue to pay the federally required employer’s share of Social Security Tax of employees’ salary under F.I.C.A. (Federal Insurance Contributions Act).

D. WORKING CONDITIONS

ARTICLE 33 – SAFETY EQUIPMENT

33.1 The City agrees to provide to appropriate personnel, all safety equipment including, but not limited to, dust masks, hard hats, heavy duty rain gear, hazard vests, protective leather aprons, gas masks, heavy duty gloves, and industrial jackets.

33.2 Upon ratification of this agreement, the City agrees to pay one hundred percent (100%) for each employee working in a classification that requires safety boots to be worn, at a maximum cost of two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$275) for the purchase of one pair of boots. Additional items that are authorized to be purchased within the \$275 limit are one set of laces, one container of mink oil, and one container of shoe spray protectant. Safety boots shall be purchased annually, one year from the employee’s previous purchase date.

In the event an employee's safety boots require replacement or repair, the employee is to notify his/her immediate supervisor. No reasonable request shall be denied provided that the repair or replacement was not due to an employee's negligence.

ARTICLE 34 – AUTOMOBILE ALLOWANCE

34.1 Any employee who is required to use his/her personal automobile in the course of his/her employment with the City shall be reimbursed for each mile actually traveled on official business in any one calendar month according to the current City travel policy or the IRS reimbursement rate, whichever is greater.

34.2 Any officer or employee who is required to travel in the performance of his/her duties or to attend an authorized meeting or conference outside of Imperial County, which is of benefit to the City, shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred for transportation, meals, lodging, and incidentals.

34.3 No allowance shall be made for transportation between the employee's home and the place where such person is normally employed by the City.

34.4 All travel and reimbursement expenses must be approved, on the form prescribed, in advance, by the Department Head and the City Manager.

ARTICLE 35 – LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

35.1 Leaves of Absence without pay not to exceed ninety (90) calendar days may be granted upon establishment of reasonable justification in instances where the work of the City will not be handicapped by the temporary absence of the employee. Request for such leaves must be in writing. Granting such leave will depend upon all relevant circumstances including length and suitability of performance, prior leaves, attendance records, employee evaluations, and the operating needs of the department. A second ninety-day leave may be extended in extraordinary circumstances. A leave will not be approved for an employee for the purpose of seeking employment outside the service of the City. Leave Without Pay may not be granted until all accumulated annual leave and compensatory time is used.

35.2 The City shall adhere to all protected leave laws, including Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), the California Family Rights Act (CFRA) and Pregnancy Disability Leave (PDL).

ARTICLE 36 – PROBATIONARY PERIODS

36.1 Probationary periods for new employees and new promotions will be for six (6) months, or longer, as specified at the time of appointment. This is to permit both the supervisor and the employee to become acquainted and to determine the adaptability and

fitness of the employee of the assigned work, and to reject any employee whose performance does not meet the required work standards.

36.2 All employees will be evaluated twice during the probationary period, at the mid-point of probation and prior to the end of the probationary period.

ARTICLE 37 – PERSONNEL LAY-OFF PROCEDURE

37.1 The City and Teamsters, Local 542 agree that reduction in personnel, as it pertains to employees covered under the provisions of this contract, shall be as hereinafter prescribed. When City-funded positions of indefinite duration and which are presently filled are abolished, reduction shall be accomplished in accordance with the following provisions:

- A. Part-time, temporary and probationary City funded positions, within the Department shall first be eliminated.
- B. Personnel eligible to receive maximum percentage retirement benefits under the Public Employees Retirement System may then be retired.
- C. The determination regarding a lay-off shall be based on the following criteria:
 - 1) The relative ability and qualifications of the employees as determined by the City within the affected classifications of the affected department to be reduced.
 - 2) The relative seniority of the employees in the City in the affected classification within the given department. In the event the relative ability and qualifications are substantially equal, relative seniority shall prevail.
- D. All personnel who are affected by the lay-off shall have the right to elect a reduction in grade to a lower classification in the same department that they are qualified to fill through previous service in that classification in that department, providing a position vacancy exists.
- E. An employee shall not be laid off before the employee has been made a reasonable offer of reassignment, if such offer is immediately possible, either due to a lay-off of personnel or due to an increase in a number of persons to be employed in that other department. City personnel, about to be reduced in force, shall be given preference for such jobs over applicants from outside the City, if the City employee has the qualifications, skills, and experience required for that job. In the event more than one current employee of the City submits an application for the same vacancy, the

selection shall be made by the City on the basis of the same criteria set forth in Section 37.1-C above.

- F. As a result of the application of this reduction in force procedure, the City may cause the reassignment, transfer, reduction in grade, or any combination thereof, with a lay-off of an employee.
- G. Upon rehire or re-employment of a former employee, within 1 year, said employee shall receive the seniority that the employee had from the date of original hire plus the period of time that the employee was laid off.
- H. Separation under this rule shall require the giving of at least two weeks' notice to the employee, or payment in lieu of notice, of an equivalent amount of the employee's base salary by the City.

ARTICLE 38 – BASIC WORK PERIOD

38.1 The official workweek is established as a period of seven consecutive days commencing at 12:01AM Tuesday.

38.2 The City Manager may approve an Alternate Work Week Schedule (including a 9/80 schedule, a 4/10 schedule, or some other alternate schedule based on a 40-hour work week) ("Alternate Work Week Schedule") for individual Employees based on staffing needs, the Employee's performance, and the nature of the position. An Alternate Work Week Schedule for an Employee may be implemented at the sole discretion of the City Manager and may be thereafter modified or eliminated as needed, at any time, by the City Manager. Employees shall not be removed from an approved alternative workweek schedule because of or as a form of disciplinary action.

Employees approved to work an alternate 9/80 work schedule will work nine (9) hours for four consecutive fixed days in each work week, and eight (8) hours the remaining fifth day of one work week. The Employee will be off work on the corresponding fifth day in the following work week. As such, the Employee will work a total of 80 hours per pay period and 40 hours in each defined work week.

The FLSA work week for Employees on the 9/80 schedule will begin at "mid-day of Employee's scheduled 8-hour workday" and end "mid-day of the Employee's same workday on the following week." Using this method, an Employee will work a total of 40 hours during each scheduled work week. Overtime and compensation time apply to non-exempt Employees for hours worked beyond 40 in any established work week.

The Employee will be eligible to request a 9/80 work schedule following a minimum of twelve (12) months of employment, subject to the recommendation of their Department Director, and the approval of the City Manager. Employees must complete a signed

Personnel Action Form approved by their Department Director and the City Manager to be eligible for the 9/80 work schedule.

The Employee will continue accruing vacation and sick leave hours at the same rate as before being assigned to an Alternate Work Week Schedule. An Employee who is using vacation or sick leave will be charged the number of hours of used.

Compensation for holidays will not change when an Employee is assigned to an Alternate Workweek Schedule. Employees receive 8 hours of holiday pay when assigned to a regular 40-hour per week work schedule. Under the 9/80 work schedule option, an Employee will continue to receive 8 hours of holiday pay, even if the holiday falls on a day when the Employee is scheduled to work 9 hours. The Employee may use their accrued compensatory time off, administrative leave, or vacation time to make up the one-hour difference.

38.3 Nothing herein shall be construed to limit the authority to make temporary assignments to different or additional locations, shifts, or work duties for the purpose of meeting emergencies.

ARTICLE 39 – LEGAL REPRESENTATION

39.1 Upon request of an employee and subject to any limitations provided by law, the City will provide for the defense of any civil action or proceeding initiated against the employee by a person or entity other than the City in a court of competent jurisdiction, on account of any act or omission occurring within the course and scope of his/her employment as an employee of the City.

39.2 Nothing herein shall be deemed to require the provision of such defense where the discretion to provide or not to provide such defense is vested in the City pursuant to the provision of the California Government Code, or where the act or omission was not within the scope of the employee's employment, or the employee acted or failed to act because of actual fraud, corruption, or actual malice, or where the provision of such defense would create a conflict of interest between the City and the employee.

39.3 Nothing herein shall be construed to grant to any employee any rights or privileges in addition to those provided in the said Government Code.

ARTICLE 40 – LIGHT DUTY

40.1 Light Duty is limited to employees receiving on-the-job injuries.

40.2 The City will provide light duty or alternative jobs when medically and operationally appropriate.

ARTICLE 41 – REST PERIODS

41.1 A 15-minute rest shall be permitted in the morning and another in the afternoon, except where employee is on an 8-hour or more continuous shift and has ample time for meals and rest periods during regular shift. Where there is a need to maintain continuous service or man telephones in a particular situation, a coordinated staff schedule, developed by supervisors, may be necessary to provide service without interruption.

ARTICLE 42 – OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

42.1 No employee may engage in outside employment unless such employment is approved by the City Manager. Each employee engaged in outside employment shall file a Notice of Intent to continue such employment prior to December 31st of each year.

ARTICLE 43 – CELL PHONE USE PROGRAM

43.1 The Department Head will determine which employees are to receive a cell phone stipend for the use of the employee's personal cell phone to conduct City business. The City shall provide a copy of the list of those employees receiving the cell phone stipend upon request by the Union.

43.2 All designated individuals will receive a \$60.00 monthly cell phone allowance, which is considered as income for the purpose of payroll taxes.

E. SOLVING PROBLEMS

ARTICLE 44 – TEAMSTERS, LOCAL 542/MANAGEMENT MEETING

44.1 A committee of the City and Teamsters, Local 542 (not to exceed three employees) may meet on mutually agreed dates and shall be for the purpose of:

- A. Discussing the administration of this agreement.
- B. Exchanging general information of interest to the parties.
- C. Giving Teamsters Local 542's representatives the opportunity to share the views of their members and/or make suggestions on subjects of interest to their members.

44.2 As a courtesy and to facilitate the adjustment of work schedules, Teamsters, Local 542's union stewards will personally notify their immediate supervisors of the dates

and times of such meeting immediately upon the parties reaching mutual agreement as to the date of any such meeting.

44.3 Teamsters, Local 542 committee members shall not lose pay nor be eligible for any overtime payment for time spent in any meetings authorized by the provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE 45 – ADVANCE NOTICE

45.1 The City shall give reasonable advance written notice to Teamsters, Local 542 of any proposed change or new ordinance, rule, resolution, or regulation directly relating to matters within the scope of representation proposed to be adopted by the City Council or by any board or commission of the City and Teamsters, Local 542 shall be given the opportunity to meet with the City Manager or his/her representative prior to adoption. In cases of emergency when the City or any board or commission of the City determines that an ordinance, rule, resolution, or regulation must be adopted immediately without prior notice or meeting with Teamsters, Local 542, the City or the board or commission of the City shall provide such notice and opportunity to meet at the earliest practical time following adoption of such ordinance, rule, resolution, or regulation.

ARTICLE 46 – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

46.1 A grievance is a dispute between an employee and/or the Union and the City relating to:

- A. The meaning, interpretation, or application of the express provisions of the MOU, the City's Personnel Rules & Regulations, or the City's Employer/Employee Relations Resolution or other City policies or procedures which the employee feels has adversely affected his/her employment.
- B. Discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, physical handicap, medical condition, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation and gender.
- C. Disciplinary actions.

46.2 Those areas which are excluded from the scope of this procedure are as follows:

- A. Matters which are within the exclusive jurisdiction of another agency, (i.e., disputes regarding Worker's Compensation benefits, health insurance coverage, etc.).

- B. Management Rights—although an employee may file a grievance over the manner in which a management right has been exercised, he/she may not grieve the issue of whether or not a particular action is a management right.
- C. Policies, practices, and procedures related to the recruitment, testing, and/or selection of employees.

46.3 Scope. This grievance procedure shall be used to resolve every grievance for which no other method of solution is required by law.

46.4 General Procedures. The grievance shall be presented either by the employee affected or by a representative of his/her choosing.

46.5 Objectives. This grievance procedure is established to accomplish the following objectives:

- A. To settle the disagreement at the employee-supervisor level, if possible.
- B. To provide an orderly procedure to handle the grievance, through each level of supervision if necessary.
- C. To resolve the grievance as quickly as possible.
- D. To correct, if possible, the cause of the grievance to prevent future similar complaints.
- E. To reduce the number of grievances by allowing them to be expressed, thereby, adjusting and eliminating grievances.
- F. To promote harmonious relations among employees, their supervisors, and the departmental staff.
- G. To insure fair and equitable treatment of all employees.

46.6 Informal Complaint Procedure. Informal complaint disposition shall precede the use of the formal grievance procedure. The employee who has a complaint shall discuss his/her complaint with his/her immediate supervisor no later than ten (10) working days after the occurrence of the incident causing the complaint. If the immediate supervisor fails to reply to the employee within five (5) working days after the complaint is discussed or the employee is not satisfied with any decision, the employee may utilize the formal grievance procedure.

46.7 Formal Grievance Procedure.

- A. The formal grievance procedure shall be initiated no later than ten (10) working days after the cessation of informal complaint disposition.
- B. The formal grievance shall be initiated by the filing of a written grievance, within the time period set forth above, which will include the following information (the Teamster Grievance form is acceptable):
 - 1) Name of grievant.
 - 2) Class title.
 - 3) Department.
 - 4) Grievant's mailing address.
 - 5) A clear statement of the nature of the grievance, citing applicable ordinance, rules, regulations, or action.
 - 6) The date upon which such grievance occurred.
 - 7) The action taken as a result of the informal complaint procedure.
 - 8) A proposed solution to the grievance.
 - 9) Date of execution of the grievance form.
 - 10) Signature of the grievant.
 - 11) The name of the organization, and/or the name of the paid Teamsters, Local 542 employee representative, and/or an attorney who has passed the California Bar and who will be retained by the grievant and/or Teamsters, Local 542, followed by the signature of the organization, and/or the signature of the paid Teamsters, Local 542 employee representative, and if applicable the signature of the attorney.
- C. Said written grievance shall be filed with the Department Head, and he/she shall investigate the grievance and shall confer with the grievant, his/her representative, and any other employee or employees involved, in an attempt to resolve the grievance. Within ten (10) working days after the written grievance is first submitted to the Department Head, said Department Head shall make and file a decision in writing.
- D. If the grievance is not resolved by the Department Head to the satisfaction of the grievant, he/she may, within five (5) working days from receipt of the Department Head's decision, request consideration of the grievance by the City Manager by so notifying him/her in writing. Within ten (10) working days after such notification the City Manager shall investigate the grievance, confer with all persons affected and involved, and grievant's representative, and render a decision in writing.
- E. If the decision of the City Manager resolves the grievance to the satisfaction of the grievant, said decision shall be final and shall bind the City of Brawley, the City Council, and the individuals involved.

46.8 Time Periods. All time periods specified in this Article may be extended by the mutual consent of the parties.

46.9 Appeal Procedure:

A. Duties and Powers of the Brawley Employee Relations Commission. The duties and powers of the Commission shall be those proscribed by law and these rules.

General duties of the Commission are to:

- 1) Be the administrative appeals body in Teamsters, Local 542 personnel matters authorized by these rules. Said appellate authority includes appeals from actions involving:
 - a) Discipline of classified Teamsters, Local 542 employees with regular status.
 - b) Issuing final administrative rulings upon the appeal of a disciplinary matter.
- 2) Be the final arbitrator of an employee grievance pursuant to the grievance procedure set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Brawley and Teamsters, Local 542.

The Commission shall have the power to:

- a) Administer oaths;
- b) Subpoena witnesses and materials;
- c) Make any necessary orders, in conjunction with an appeal, including but not limited to, back pay and classification adjustments;
- d) Upon appeal, to affirm, revoke, or modify any disciplinary order, and may make any appropriate orders in connection with appeals under its jurisdiction. The Commission's decision shall be final and shall be followed by the City and Teamsters, Local 542 unless overturned by the Superior Court or Courts of Appeal. The Commission shall not have the authority to increase a proposed discipline of a Teamsters, Local 542 employee.
- e) Adopt additional procedural rules necessary to the operation of the Commission and hearings, that are not inconsistent with this Article.

B. Organization of the Commission. The Brawley Employee Relations Commission will consist of three persons who shall be residents of the City of Brawley. One Commissioner shall be appointed by the City and one Commissioner shall be appointed by Teamsters, Local 542. The third Commissioner shall be appointed at the sole discretion of the two Commissioners appointed by the City and Teamsters, Local 542.

Each Commissioner shall serve a two-year term beginning with the first Monday after ratification of this agreement by both parties and will continue to serve until the appointment and qualification of a successor or upon change as negotiated in subsequent agreements.

Any Commissioner may be removed only for cause. A Commissioner shall be removed upon the conviction of any felony or crime of moral turpitude. Further, a Commissioner shall be removed upon two consecutive unexcused absences from noticed Commission meetings.

Any vacancy on the Commission shall be filled within thirty (30) days of its occurrence by the party having the power to appoint a Commissioner to the vacant position for the unexpired term.

- C. Officers of the Commission. Following the establishment of the Commission, and thereafter at the first meeting in July of each year, the Commission shall elect one member to act as Chairperson and one member to act as Vice Chairperson.
- D. Absence of Chairperson. During the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson may temporarily serve as Chairperson.
- E. Quorum. Two Commissioners shall comprise a quorum to transact business at any meeting.
- F. Minutes of Meetings. The minutes of the proceedings of the Commission shall be prepared and maintained by a Commissioner appointed by the Chairperson on behalf of and subject to the approval of the Commission. The following shall be recorded in the minutes:
 - 1) The time and place of the meeting;
 - 2) The names of the Commissioners present;
 - 3) All official acts of the Commission and votes given by the Commissioners, except when the action is unanimous;
 - 4) A Commissioner's dissent with the supporting reasons, when requested by the dissenting Commissioner.

The minutes, or a true copy thereof, may be examined by interested parties at times and conditions proscribed by the Chairperson.

- G. Communications and Requests to the Commission. Communications and requests to the Commission shall be made in writing and the substance of such request and the action taken by the Commission recorded in the minutes.

H. Meeting of the Commission. The Commission may convene the following types of meetings:

- 1) Regular meetings.
- 2) Appeal hearings.

All regular meetings of the Commission shall be open to the public. All appeal hearings shall be closed to the public except on the express waiver of the appellant.

I. Place of Meetings. The place of regular meetings and appeal hearings shall be at a place provided by the City.

J. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Commission shall be held after public notice at the convenience of the Commission.

K. Appeal Hearings. Appeal hearings shall be called by the Chairperson within thirty (30) days of the filing of an appeal by an aggrieved employee or the Association.

L. Legal Advisor to the Commission. A legal advisor to the Commission shall be mutually selected by the City and Teamsters, Local 542 from a list of potential legal advisors provided by the City and Teamsters. The City and Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehouseman, and Helpers Local Union No. 542 will share equally for the fees of the legal advisor. The legal advisor will have experience with public sector employment law, and with the conduct of administrative proceedings. The legal advisor is responsible for advising the Commission on matters of law as they relate generally to the conduct of Commission meetings, which may include, but not limited to, providing advice on evidentiary issues, procedural questions, and general matters of law.

46.10 Grievance Appeal for Classified Service

A. Classified Service. This rule shall be applicable to persons in the classified service subject to the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding between Teamsters, Local 542 and the City of Brawley, appointed to regular positions from eligible lists, who have successfully completed the probationary period for that position, including promotions.

- 1) Any of the following shall be deemed sufficient cause for suspension, demotion, transfer, or removal of any person:
 - a) That the employee is guilty of incompetency;
 - b) That the employee has been guilty of inefficiency;

- c) That the employee has been guilty of insubordination;
- d) That the employee has been guilty of dishonesty;
- e) That the employee has been guilty of discourteous treatment of the public or other employees;
- f) That the employee has been convicted of a criminal offense involving moral turpitude, where the conviction shall be construed to be a conviction by a verdict, by pleas of guilty, upon judgment against the employee, upon a demurrer, or upon judgment of a court, a jury having been waived, without regard to subsequent disposition of the case by suspension of sentence, probation, or otherwise; including criminal convictions which result in the employee being unable to perform any and all duties or responsibilities relative to his/her position of regular employment. This section shall not apply to a conviction upon a plea of nolo contendere. The phrase "moral turpitude" shall be construed to mean any act of baseness, vileness, or depravity, or any act contrary to justice, honesty, or good morals; or any act done with deception or through corrupt motives;
- g) That the employee, through negligence or willful misconduct, has caused damage to public property or waste of public supplies;
- h) That the employee has been absent without leave, contrary to the rules of the applicable department, or has failed to report after leave of absence has expired, or after such leave of absence has been disapproved by the City; provided however that if such absence or failure to report is excusable, the Commission may dismiss the charges;
- i) That the employee has been convicted of a felony in furtherance of, or while participating in, a riot or civil disorder;
- j) That the employee has been guilty of negligence resulting in significant harm or significant risk of harm to the public or public service;
- k) That the employee engages in conduct unbecoming a city employee while on duty in his/her capacity;
- l) That the employee is found to be in violation of any verbal or written policy or procedure, memorandum, general order, or directive established by the City of Brawley.

B. Before the appointing Authority files any order in writing which proposes punitive action against a Teamsters, Local 542 employee, the pre-removal safeguards to the extent required by Skelly v. State Personnel Board (1975) 15 Cal. 3d 194 shall be followed. These pre-removal safeguards must include:

- 1) Notice of proposed action;
- 2) Reasons therefore;
- 3) A copy of the charges;
- 4) An opportunity to examine any materials upon which the action is based, and the right to respond either orally or in writing to the Appointing Authority imposing the discipline. Pre-removal hearings shall be before the City Manager. At the employee's option, he/she may waive the right to a hearing before the City Manager and select a hearing before the Public Works Director. Such notice shall be given a reasonable period of time prior to the date the discipline is to be imposed.

5) Notice Given

- a) Before a person may be removed, suspended, or reduced in rank or compensation, the Appointing Authority shall serve on the person a written order stating the specific reasons for the disciplinary action. Said order shall contain specific charges set forth clearly and with such particularity as will enable the employee to understand the charges and answer to them.
- b) Each order of removal, suspension, or reduction in rank or compensation, shall contain in substantially the following language, notice of the employee's right to appeal to the Commission:

If you wish to appeal this order to the Brawley Employee Relations Commission, you must file such an appeal in writing with the Commission within twenty (20) days after this order is presented to you. Such an appeal must be in writing and delivered to the City Clerk at the Clerk's Office at City Hall.

C. Request for a Hearing. An employee who has completed the required probationary period, who is removed, suspended, or reduced in rank or compensation, may, within twenty (20) calendar days after presentation of the order of removal, suspension, or reduction as herein before provided, appeal to the Brawley Employee Relations Commission from such order.

- D. Within twenty (20) days after notice of the disciplinary action has been served on the employee, an employee who wishes to appeal must file an answer to the charges with the Commission.
- E. Time for Hearing. The Commission shall, within thirty (30) days from the filing of said appeal, notice a date of the hearing thereof, and shall, without delay, fully hear
- F. Conduct of Hearing. The appellant shall be entitled to appear personally, produce evidence, and to have representation as stated in Article 45.7.B.11. The Appointing Authority may also be represented by counsel. All hearings shall be governed by these rules of practice and procedure. Technical rules of evidence shall not apply to such hearings, except that any evidence presented by either party shall be relevant to the issues before the Commission.
- G. Record. The proceedings will normally be tape recorded, however, either party at their own expense, may cause a court reporter to record the proceedings. Payment for production of transcript will be pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6.
- H. Subpoenas. The Commission has the power to issue subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum. The Chairperson or the Vice Chairperson of the Commission shall also sign such subpoenas for witnesses for the employee, upon employee's written request.
- I. An employee who has appealed to the Commission, or an attorney admitted to the practice of law in this state, and designated by such employee, or a designated employee representative, shall have the right to inspect any documents in the possession of or under control of the Appointing Authority which are relevant to such appeal and which would lead to admissible evidence at a hearing on such appeal (excluding information or materials considered confidential). The employee, or employee's attorney or employee representative, shall have the right to interview other employees having knowledge of the acts or omissions upon which the removal, suspension, or reduction in rank was based. Interviews with other employees and inspection of documents shall be at times and places reasonable for the employee and Appointing Authority.
- J. Burden of Proof. The Appointing Authority shall have the burden of proof. The Appointing Authority shall go first in presenting evidence and the appellant shall have right to cross-examine any witnesses presented. The appellant shall then have the right to produce any evidence in his or her behalf, and the Appointing Authority shall have the opportunity to cross-examine witnesses presented. All evidence presented must be relevant and

a decision by the Commission cannot be based solely hearsay evidence. Upon the completion of evidence, the Appointing Authority shall have the opportunity to make final argument followed by final argument by the appellant.

- K. The findings and decisions of the Commission shall be final, and shall be certified to the City Manager from whose order the appeal is taken and shall forthwith be enforced and followed. The decision shall give notice of the time limits for judicial review as set forth in Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.5.

ARTICLE 47 – RENEGOTIATION

47.1 In the event Teamsters, Local 542 or the City desires to “meet and confer” in good faith on the provisions of a successor Agreement, it shall serve upon the other party its written request to commence meeting and conferring in good faith. Negotiations shall begin at a time mutually agreeable to the parties.

ARTICLE 48 – PEACEFUL PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES

48.1 Teamsters, Local 542 and the employees covered by this MOU recognize and agree that the rendering of services to the community cannot under any circumstances or conditions be withheld, interrupted, or discontinued, and that to do so would endanger the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants thereof.

During the term of this MOU, neither Teamsters, Local 542 nor its agents nor any employee, for any reason, will authorize, institute, aid, condone, or engage in a slowdown, work stoppage, strike, or any other interference with the work and statutory functions or obligations of the City.

Teamsters, Local 542 agrees that the City’s rights to deal with any violation of this Section include, without limitation, the administration of discipline, including discharge or suspension, and instituting appropriate action at law on any or all employees participating therein.

During the term of the MOU, neither the City nor its agents for any reason shall authorize, institute, aid, or promote any lockout of employees covered by this MOU.

ARTICLE 49 – CONCLUSIVENESS OF AGREEMENT

49.1 This Memorandum of Understanding contains all of the agreements of the parties, and may be amended or modified only by an agreement in writing signed by both parties. It is acknowledged that during the course of negotiations, both the City and Teamsters, Local 542 have had a full right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment.

CITY OF BRAWLEY

TEAMSTERS UNION LOCAL 542



Tyler Salcido, City Manager



Ruth Duarte, Business Agent

Date: 07/08/2021

Date: 7/8/2021

ATTEST:



Alma Benavides, City Clerk

The City Council unanimously ratified the Agreement between the City of Brawley and Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehouse, and Helpers' Local Union No. 542. m/s/c Nava/Couchman 5-0

TEAMSTERS LOCAL 542
CLASSIFICATION, RANGES, AND SALARY SCHEDULES

<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>RANGE</u>
Animal Control Officer.....	16
Engineering Technician II	22
Engineering Technician I.....	20
Utility Leadman	22
Utility Worker II	20
Utility Worker I	18
Mechanic	18
Mechanic's Assistant	15
Water Dist./Sewage Collection Sys Op.....	22
Water Plant Operator III	23
Water Plant Operator II	22
Water Plant Operator I.....	21
Water Plant Trainee	17
Wastewater Plant Operator III	23
Wastewater Plant Operator II	22
Wastewater Plant Operator I.....	21
Wastewater Plant Operator Trainee.....	17
Parks Maintenance Leadman.....	19
Parks Maintenance Worker.....	17
Landscape Worker.....	17
Sweeper Operator	18
Water Maintenance Worker	17
Wastewater Maintenance Worker.....	17
Lab Analyst Grade 2	23
Lab Analyst Grade 1	22

Appendix A
Teamsters Salary Schedule

Effective July 1, 2021

Salary Schedule Adjustment of 1.5%

Range	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
15	\$15.86	\$16.66	\$17.49	\$18.37	\$19.28
16	\$16.66	\$17.49	\$18.37	\$19.28	\$20.25
17	\$17.49	\$18.37	\$19.28	\$20.25	\$21.26
18	\$18.37	\$19.28	\$20.25	\$21.26	\$22.32
19	\$19.28	\$20.25	\$21.26	\$22.32	\$23.44
20	\$20.25	\$21.26	\$22.32	\$23.44	\$24.61
21	\$21.26	\$22.32	\$23.44	\$24.61	\$25.84
22	\$22.32	\$23.44	\$24.61	\$25.84	\$27.13
23	\$23.44	\$24.61	\$25.84	\$27.13	\$28.49

Effective July 1, 2022

Salary Schedule Adjustment 1.5%

Range	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
15	\$16.10	\$16.91	\$17.75	\$18.64	\$19.57
16	\$16.91	\$17.75	\$18.64	\$19.57	\$20.55
17	\$17.75	\$18.64	\$19.57	\$20.55	\$21.58
18	\$18.64	\$19.57	\$20.55	\$21.58	\$22.66
19	\$19.57	\$20.55	\$21.58	\$22.66	\$23.79
20	\$20.55	\$21.58	\$22.66	\$23.79	\$24.98
21	\$21.58	\$22.66	\$23.79	\$24.98	\$26.23
22	\$22.66	\$23.79	\$24.98	\$26.23	\$27.54
23	\$23.79	\$24.98	\$26.23	\$27.54	\$28.92

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Teamsters Salary Schedule

Effective July 1, 2023

Salary Schedule Adjustment 1%

Range	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
15	\$16.26	\$17.08	\$17.93	\$18.83	\$19.77
16	\$17.08	\$17.93	\$18.83	\$19.77	\$20.76
17	\$17.93	\$18.83	\$19.77	\$20.76	\$21.79
18	\$18.83	\$19.77	\$20.76	\$21.79	\$22.88
19	\$19.77	\$20.76	\$21.79	\$22.88	\$24.03
20	\$20.76	\$21.79	\$22.88	\$24.03	\$25.23
21	\$21.79	\$22.88	\$24.03	\$25.23	\$26.49
22	\$22.88	\$24.03	\$25.23	\$26.49	\$27.82
23	\$24.03	\$25.23	\$26.49	\$27.82	\$29.21

