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SUBJECT: Resolution – Authorize execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the

Professional & Technical Employees, Local 17 – December 3, 2019

DATE: November 8, 2019

SUMMARY:

A resolution authorizing the execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement, and two Letters of Agreement negotiated with the Professional & Technical Employees, Local 17, retroactive to January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2022.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

The requested resolution aligns with the City Council's Strategic Policy Priority to encourage and promote an open, effective and results-oriented organization by providing for compensation and benefits as negotiated in the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Professional & Technical Employees, Local 17.

BACKGROUND:

The resolution will authorize the execution of a 2019-2022 Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) and two Letters of Agreement (LOA) as negotiated with the Professional & Technical Employees, Local 17. The agreements were approved by the Public Utility Board as a resolution on November 13, 2019.

The agreement covers four years, and provides for a wage increase in each year of the agreement. Retroactive to January 1, 2019, employees will receive a general wage increase of 3 percent. Additionally, effective January 1, 2019, wage adjustments will be provided for 16 classifications due to market, compression and/or parity. Effective January 1, 2020, wages will increase by 3 percent; effective January 1, 2021, wages will increase by 2.5 percent; and effective January 1, 2022, wages will increase by 2.25 percent.

Other changes to the agreement include:

- 1. Modifications to Article 5 Grievance Procedure to clarify process and provide more time to consider whether to arbitrate a grievance.
- 2. Retitling the classification of Utility Services Representative I (CSC 0613) to Utility Services Representative
- 3. Retitling the classification of Utility Services Representative II (CSC 0614) to Utility Services Supervisor
- 4. Adding a new classification of Utility Services Representative, Senior (CSC 0608) with a pay range between Utility Services Representative and Utility Services Supervisor, to provide for a better path for promotion of qualified employees.
- 5. Align base wages for the Engineering Construction Coordinator with those of the Associate Construction Manager classification, due to their similar requirements, which provides an adjustment of 1.73 percent.
- 6. A Letter of Agreement (LOA) regarding employees currently in the Collection Systems Worker (CSC 5007) and Collection Systems Technician (CSC 5008) classifications in the Environmental Services Department, by adding a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) requirement. Current



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- employees with a CDL will be eligible to advance the equivalent of one pay step, and an employee who does not have a CDL will be eligible for a step increase upon obtaining a CDL.
- 7. A LOA to create applications of rate for employees in the classifications of Inspector, Senior Inspector and Code Inspector Supervisor to obtain International Code Council certifications in the Planning & Development and Neighborhood & Community Services Departments.
- 8. Changes throughout the agreement to provide for gender-neutral language.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council take the necessary action to approve the legislation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fiscal impact information is provided by the Office of Management and Budget. Department Directors will be responsible for adhering to their overall level of appropriation.