

RESOLUTION NO. 41037

A RESOLUTION relating to collective bargaining; authorizing the execution of a Letter of Agreement negotiated between the City of Tacoma and Teamsters Local Union No. 117, General Unit, regarding the Pierce County Force Investigation Team for forensic services employees.

WHEREAS the City has, for years, adopted the policy of collective bargaining between the various labor organizations representing employees and the administration, and

WHEREAS Resolution No. 40494, adopted December 3, 2019, authorized the execution of the four-year Collective Bargaining Agreement ("CBA") between the City of Tacoma and Teamsters Local Union No. 117, General Unit ("Union"), on behalf of the employees represented by said Union, and

WHEREAS Washington State law (RCW 10.114.011) requires any use of deadly force involving a police officer to be investigated by an independent agency, and

WHEREAS the Pierce County Force Investigation Team ("PCFIT") was established to conduct these investigations in Pierce County and is comprised of teams of detectives, forensics services, and public information officers from multiple law enforcement agencies, and

WHEREAS, in Fall 2020, the Tacoma Police Department ("TPD") and peer departments in Pierce County arranged to mutually take part in PCFIT, and at that time, TPD management notified employees that it was seeking interested



employees to participate in the certification process created by WAC 139-12-030 to respond to PCFIT investigations, and

WHEREAS successful completion of the process will result in PCFIT certification of a Crime Scene Technician or Forensic Specialist, and

WHEREAS the City and Union have negotiated a Letter of Agreement ("LOA") to the CBA which provides for the following: (1) a lump-sum payment of \$750 in recognition of employees who during a calendar year become PCFIT certified; and, at the start of a new calendar year, if the employee has remained continuously certified from the previous year, the employee will receive another lump-sum certification payment of \$750; and (2) an application of rate of 5 percent for all hours assigned to and worked when performing a PCFIT investigation, and

WHEREAS it appears in the best interest of the City that the LOA negotiated by said Union and the City be approved; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute the Letter of Agreement negotiated between the City of Tacoma and Teamsters Local Union No. 117, General Unit, regarding the Pierce County Force Investigation



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