



# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

**CITY OF CORNING**

And the

**CITY OF CORNING DISPATCHERS UNION**

For

**DISPATCHER UNIT**

**Effective:**

**January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2025**

Agreement: December 20, 2022  
Ratified by City Council: January 24, 2023

**THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** is made and entered into between **CITY OF CORNING DISPATCHERS UNION**, hereinafter referred to as "Union", and the designated representatives of the **CITY OF CORNING**, hereinafter referred to as the "City", pursuant to the provisions of the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act (Government Code Sections 3500, et seq.).

**ARTICLE 1  
DEFINITIONS**

**1.1 DEFINITIONS:**

**A. City:** The term "City", as used herein, shall refer to the City of Corning.

**B. Union:** The term "Union", as used herein, shall refer to the **Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3**.

**C. Employee:** The term "Employee", as used herein, shall mean an employee filling a regularly budgeted position in a City classification which has been designated to the Dispatchers Unit under the Employee Relations Policy of the City of Corning.

**D. Employee Anniversary Date:** The term "employment anniversary date", as used herein, shall mean the anniversary date of the employee's most recent employment with the City.

**E. Step Anniversary Date:** The term "step anniversary date", as used herein, shall mean the date upon which an employee has finished serving the requisite amount of time in order to be eligible for a salary step increase. A new time period for such requisite service shall commence upon the occurrence of any of the following events: promotion; reclassification; implementation of a Memorandum of Understanding provision or Side Letter of Understanding specifying a movement into a new step, or an increase in the rate paid for the step currently held by the employee.

**ARTICLE 2  
RECOGNITION**

**2.1** The City hereby recognizes the Union as the bargaining representative for the purpose of meeting and conferring on matters within the scope of representation.

**ARTICLE 3  
NON-DISCRIMINATION**

**3.1** No Employee covered by this Memorandum of Understanding shall be discriminated against by the City, or by the Union, by reason of race, color, religion, sex, age or national origin.

**3.2** The City shall not discharge, or otherwise discriminate against any Employee by reason of Union activities not interfering with the proper performance of his/her work.

**ARTICLE 4  
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS**

**4.1** Dues and other Union-Sponsored Benefit Program Deductions:

1. The employer shall honor an employee's check-off authorization for dues, or other Union-sponsored program, which are submitted in writing, through electronically recorded phone calls, via online deduction authorization, or by any means of indicating agreement allowable under state and federal law, regardless of whether the employee is a member of the Union.

2. Deductions for dues or other Union-sponsored program shall start the pay period after the employer receives notification of the authorization. The employer may transmit such payment to the Union through electronic funds transfer (EFT). However, transfer of funds shall not be later than thirty (30) days after the deduction from the employee's earnings occurs.

3. Employee requests to authorize dues/other deduction(s), or request to change status

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regarding such deductions, shall be directed to the Union rather than the employer. The employer shall rely on the Union's explanations in a certified list, submitted by a representative of the Union who has authority to bind the Union, regarding whether an authorization/change in deduction(s) has been requested by the employee.

4. The Union shall not be required to provide the employer a copy of the employee's authorization unless a dispute arises about the existence or terms of the authorization.

5. The Union shall indemnify the employer for any claims made regarding such deductions.

6. Violations of this Section of the MOU are grievable.

#### **4.2 Data Pertaining to Deductions:**

Upon request from the Union. The employer shall produce to Operating Engineers' Local Union No. 3, a malleable electronic file containing the following information:

1. Full Name (first, middle, last, suffix)
2. Employee Number
3. Job Classification
4. Job Type (full-time, part-time, per diem, as needed)
5. Bargaining Unit
6. Hours worked in the preceding payroll period, which are the basis for the deduction. dues
7. Pay Step
8. Pay Rate
9. Department
10. Division (sub code of the department)

#### **4.3 Regular Receipt of Bargaining Lists:**

It shall be the City of Corning's responsibility, once notified by Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3, to provide a list of all current employees covered by this Agreement, which shall include each employee's name, home address, home and cell phone numbers, personal and work e-mail addresses, work locations, department, employee identification number, hourly rate of pay, hours worked and gross pay. This list will include all employees newly hired, rehired, reinstated, transferred into or out of the bargaining unit, transferred between departments, promoted, reclassified, downgraded, placed on leaves of absence of any type including disability, placed on or recalled from layoff, separated (including retirement), added or deleted from preceding bi-monthly period.

#### **4.4 Protect Contract Biographical and/or Demographic information of Unit members from third parties:**

In order to protect bargaining unit employees from harassment or invasion of privacy, the employer shall immediately notify the Union of any third-party request for contact, biographical and/or demographic information about the bargaining unit employees. The employer shall promptly provide the Union a copy of the request and any materials submitted with the request. The employer shall provide the Union at least ten (10) days to review the request and challenge the scope of the request prior to the employer responding to the request. The employer agrees to consider the Union's response prior to disclosing to the third party any contact, biographical, and/or demographic information about the bargaining unit employees.

The employer agrees that it will not create a report for a non-exclusive representative requester that does not already exist. If the employer is required by law to furnish a non-exclusive representative requester with a report, it agrees not to provide it in a malleable electronic format.

The employer shall not permit a non-exclusive representative to access bargaining unit members during working hours or in work areas.

The employer agrees that non-exclusive representatives are prohibited from soliciting bargaining unit members on the employer's property.

The employer agrees to adopt further safeguards against harassment of invasion of privacy by non-exclusive representatives, including but not limited to establishing filters in the employer's email system to block emails from non-exclusive representatives.

#### **4.5 Employee Opt-Out.**

Notwithstanding sections 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4, and limited to the express purpose of Assembly Bill 119 requirements only, an employee may opt out via written request, initiated by the employee, to the City (copy to the Union) to direct the City to withhold the disclosure of the employee's home and personal cellular telephone numbers, personal email addresses on file with the employer, and home address.

### **ARTICLE 5 MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

**5.1** The City retains the exclusive right to manage the City. All the rights, powers, functions and authority of the City, which it had prior to the time the Union became certified as representative of the Employees of the City, and which are not limited or modified by specific provisions of the Memorandum, are retained by the City. The City specifically retains the right to manage and supervise its Employees as follows:

(A) To hire, promote, transfer, assign, classify positions, retain employees, and to suspend, demote, discharge or take other disciplinary action against employees.

(B) To lay-off or demote Employees from duties because of lack of work, lack of funds, in the interest of economy, or other legitimate reasons.

(C) To determine the policies, standards, procedures, methods, means and personnel by which City operations are to be conducted.

(D) To take whatever actions may be necessary to carry out the City in situations of emergency.

(E) To limit or prohibit the right of Employees in certain positions or classes of positions from forming, joining, or participating in employee organizations as provided in the California Government Code, and designating such employees in the current Schedule of Department and Authorized Positions adopted by Resolution.

(F) Nothing in this policy shall be construed to interfere with the City's right to manage its operations in the most economical and efficient manner consistent with the best interests of citizens, taxpayers, and employees of the City.

### **ARTICLE 6 UNION RIGHTS**

**6.1** The Union recognizes its obligation to cooperate with the City to assure maximum service of the highest quality and efficiency to the citizens of the City of Corning consistent with its obligations to the Employees it represents.

**6.2** City and Union affirm the principle that harmonious City-Employee relations are to be promoted and furthered. When a person is hired in any of the covered job classifications, the City shall notify that person that the Union is the certified representative for the Employees and shall notify the Union of such hiring.

6.3 The City shall provide the Union space to erect a bulletin board in each area where Employees covered by this Memorandum are assigned.

6.4 The City Manager shall be notified in advance by the Union President of the name of any official representative designated by the Union. Business Representatives of the Union shall have reasonable access to Employees, provided such access does not interfere with City business. Department heads and first-line supervisors will be notified by the Employer of the provisions of this section.

6.5 Business Representatives of the Union shall have access to any Employee or Employees presenting a grievance; and Employees have the right to have the Union Business representative represent them at all stages of disciplinary action.

6.6 The Union may designate two (2) employees as Union Stewards.

6.7 In addition to regularly assigned work, the Union Stewards shall be permitted reasonable time during working hours to notify the Business Representative of any violations of this Memorandum. Employees are authorized to contact their Union Stewards during working hours to report a grievance or violation of this Memorandum.

## **ARTICLE 7 PEACEFUL PERFORMANCE**

7.1 The parties to this Memorandum of Understanding recognize and acknowledge that the services performed by the City Employees covered by this Memorandum of Understanding are essential to the public health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the City of Corning. The Union agrees that under no circumstances will the Union recommend, encourage, cause or permit its members to initiate, participate in, nor will any member of the Bargaining Unit take part in, any strike, sit-down, stay-in, sick-out, slow-down or picketing (hereinafter collectively referred to as work-stoppage), in any office or department of the City, nor to curtail any work or restrict any production, or interfere with any operation of the City. In the event of any such work stoppage by any member of the Bargaining Unit, the City shall not be required to negotiate on the merits of any dispute, which may have given rise to such work stoppage until said work stoppage has ceased.

7.2 In the event of any work stoppage during the term of this Memorandum of Understanding, whether by the Union or by any member of the Bargaining Unit, the Union, by its officers, shall immediately declare in writing and publicize that such action is illegal and unauthorized, and further direct its members in writing to cease the said conduct and resume work. Copies of such written notice shall be served upon the City. If in the event of any work stoppage, the Union promptly and in good faith, performs the obligations of this paragraph, and providing the Union has not otherwise authorized, permitted or encouraged such work stoppage, the Union shall not be liable for any damages caused by the violation of this provision. However, the City shall have the right to discipline, including discharge, any employee who instigates, participates in, or gives leadership to, any work stoppage activity herein prohibited, and the City shall also have the right to seek full legal redress including damages, as against any such employee.

## **ARTICLE 8 PAYMENTS**

8.1 This Memorandum is intended to cover all aspects of wages, hours, and working conditions for Employees covered herein; therefore, nothing in this Memorandum shall prevent the City from modifying any employee benefits or benefit plans not specifically provided for in this Memorandum such as retirement plans, salary continuation plans, etc., subject to meet and confer.

8.2 If an Employee covered by this Memorandum is permanently assigned work of a substantially new or different nature so as to constitute a new job classification, the City and the Union shall consult to determine the wage rate through the established procedures.

**8.3** Employees will be paid bi-weekly, no later than five (5) days following the end of the preceding payroll period. If the fifth day is a holiday, Employees will be paid on the preceding day.

**8.4** In the event an error has been made in the payment of an employee's wages, overtime payment, leave accruals, balances, or usages, the City shall, for the purposes of future compensation, adjust such compensation to the correct amount, giving written notice to the employee. Such adjustments are limited by the three-year statute of limitations set forth in California Code of Civil Procedure section 338.

**8.5** In the event an employee receives an overpayment in wages, reimbursement to the City shall be accomplished by either: a.) Lump-sum payment by the employee; b.) A one-time deduction from usable vacation or compensatory time off (CTO), or unused holidays worked, equivalent to the overpayment at the employee's current hourly rate, c.) A repayment schedule through payroll deductions, or d.) Other means as may be mutually agreed between the City and the employee.

No repayment schedule shall exceed forty-eight (48) pay periods in duration, except that if the employee does not agree to a voluntary repayment schedule, the overpayment collection shall not exceed twenty-four (24) pay periods. If an employee terminates City employment prior to completing his/her repayment schedule, any amounts still due the City will be applied against the employee's final paycheck.

## **ARTICLE 9 PREVAILING RIGHTS**

**9.1** This Memorandum of Understanding contains all of the covenants, stipulations and provisions agreed upon by the parties. It is understood that all items relating to Employees' wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment not covered in this Memorandum of Understanding shall remain the same, except as specifically mentioned in this Memorandum of Understanding; therefore, for the life of this Memorandum of Understanding, neither party shall be compelled to bargain with the other concerning any mandatory bargaining issues, whether specifically bargained about prior to the execution of this Memorandum of Understanding or which may have been omitted in the bargaining which led up to the execution of this Memorandum of Understanding, except by mutual agreement of the parties or as specifically mentioned in this Memorandum of Understanding.

**9.2** In the event the City General Fund Reserves fall below \$1,000,000, the City and Union agree to meet within fifteen days and discuss; provided, however, that this provision shall not be considered a contract reopener, and further provided that this contract provision shall not be used by the City in any action or proceeding to interpret this contract.

## **ARTICLE 10 CLASSIFICATIONS AND WAGES**

### **10.1 (A) Wage Increase.**

- 1) Effective January 1, 2023, all members represented by this Memorandum of Understanding shall receive a salary increase of 5% to their base monthly salary.**

**Effective within five (5) business days following notice of ratification of a successor Memorandum of Understanding, all members represented by this Memorandum of Understanding shall receive a one-time, off the-schedule payment equal to 3% of their annual base salary, or \$2,500, whichever is greater.**

- 2) Effective January 1, 2024 all members represented by this Memorandum of Understanding shall receive a salary increase not less than the percentage as represented in year ending November column of the preceding year CPI-W "West" schedule for urban and clerical workers, with the floor of 3% and a**

ceiling of 5%. (Under this formula, salary increase amount would not be less than 3.0% nor greater than 5.0%.)

- 3) Effective January 1, 2025 all members represented by this Memorandum of Understanding shall receive a salary increase not less than the percentage as represented in year ending November column of the preceding year CPI-W "West" schedule for urban and clerical workers, with the floor of 3% and a ceiling of 5%. (Under this formula, salary increase amount would not be less than 3.0% nor greater than 5.0%.)

(B) For the period of this agreement, Union Members will be paid in accordance with the monthly salary schedule and effective dates as shown in Exhibit "A". Employees will be eligible for step increases on their step anniversary dates. Employees may advance to the next step in the pay schedule upon satisfactory completion of the required time in the lower step. The time required between step A and B shall be (6) six months. The advancement from step B to C shall be twelve months. Advancement from C to D, and D to E shall be (12) twelve months between each step.

**10.2** Employees may be appointed to a classification at any step, A through E, as determined by the City Manager.

**10.3** Longevity Pay: Employees will be eligible for longevity performance incentive pay under the following conditions:

(A) Annual satisfactory performance evaluations will be required to receive and maintain annual pay increase.

(B) A performance evaluation will be made 30 days before the employee's anniversary date.

(C) Qualifying employees will receive a longevity performance incentive pay increase to be added to their base rate as follows:

1. Three (3%) percent after ten (10) years, effective the first pay period after anniversary date.

2. Six (6%) percent after fifteen (15) years, effective the first pay period after anniversary date, (not compounded with the 3%).

(D) In the event the employee is denied a longevity performance incentive pay increase, the employee may request the City Manager for review and to make final determination. The matter may not be filed under any other grievance procedure.

(E) This plan will be implemented for all eligible employees effective January 1, 2012. The initial performance increase will be effective the first pay period following a satisfactory performance evaluation. The initial evaluation is to be made in the month of January 2012. Such increase will remain in effect to the employee's next anniversary date prior to which time a reevaluation is required.

**10.4** Bi-lingual Pay: Shall receive an additional 2.5% pay for a total of 5% for the incidental duties related to the assignment effective the first pay period in 2016 following City Council approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

(A) An employee must be certified as bi-lingual.

(B) The City Manager will establish standards for qualifying employees and for an ongoing review of skills. The City Manager will require that employees demonstrate the ability to converse in Spanish sufficient to serve the needs of the City.

(C) The City Manager shall terminate the assignment if the ongoing use of the bi-lingual skills are no longer required and/or the employee fails to perform the duties at a skill level which

meets the established standards.

**10.5 P.O.S.T. Dispatcher Certification Pay:** Effective the pay period closest to the date the City Council ratifies the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):

(A) Employees who possess a P.O.S.T. Dispatcher Intermediate Certificate will receive an additional two and one-half (2.5%) percent of base pay.

(B) Employees who possess a P.O.S.T. Dispatcher Advanced Certificate will receive an additional five (5%) percent of base pay.

(C) The maximum P.O.S.T. Dispatcher Certificate pay that employees can earn is five (5%) percent.

**10.6 Shift Differential:** Effective January 1, 2023, the City agrees to pay night shift differential to all members represented by this Memorandum of Understanding. This differential shall be limited to only those hours actually worked between 2200 and 0600, and at the rate of an additional \$1.00 per hour for those hours actually between 2200 and 0600.

**10.7 Training Officer Pay:** Effective the pay period closest to the date the City Council ratifies the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Fire and Police Dispatchers, when assigned in writing by the Fire Chief or Police Chief shall receive, in addition to regular pay, a two and one-half (2.5%) percent premium for serving as Training Officers for the period so assigned.

#### **ARTICLE 11 OUT OF CLASSIFICATION PAY**

**11.1** Any Employee who works out of classification shall be paid at the higher wage rate if the Employee works out of classification for four (4) hours or more and the City shall pay for the entire day.

#### **ARTICLE 12 HEALTH AND WELFARE INSURANCE**

12.1 Currently, the City offers a choice of five (5) Health Insurance Policies; (2) Operating Engineers Public Employees' Health and Welfare Plans; and (3) different tier Blue Shield Savings Account Plans. All Employees and their dependents may participate in the Operating Engineer Public Employees' Health and Welfare Plans, or any of the Blue Shield Savings Account Plans, with the City contributing to the cost of such plan up to **\$1,935.00** per month toward the rate. The employee shall pay any remaining costs of insurance.

Future annual increases to the City Contribution shall be \$45 per month per year. However, the total City contribution shall not exceed the employee plus family premium rate of the Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Plan A (Full Benefit).

**Overage Payment:** The difference between the cost of the Health Insurance Policy selected by the employee and the City Contribution, if any, shall, at the election of the employee, be paid into the Health Savings Account to the maximum allowed under the law; once this account is maximized, all overage shall go into the employees 457 deferred compensation account. Should the employee select a plan other than a Health Saving Account, then all overage shall be paid to the employee's 457 deferred compensation account. Overage payments, in total, shall not exceed \$700 per month per employee. This Overage Payment shall be limited to employees hired on or before adoption and ratification of this MOU by the City Council.

For those employees who otherwise have medical insurance and opt-out of the city medical insurance completely, the City will provide \$900.00 per month which may be paid to a 457 deferred compensation plan, added to salary compensation or divided between both and only be changed once a year, unless employee encounters an unforeseen circumstance.

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**12.2** Employees who are not members of the Union are required to pay a service fee in the same amount as the monthly Union Dues in order to participate in the Union's Health and Welfare Plan.

**12.3** The City shall provide life insurance in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) effective the first pay period in 2016 following City Council approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and will continue to pay the life and disability insurance premiums.

**12.4** The City shall have the option of replacing the Operating Engineers Public Employees Health and Welfare Plan with a plan of the City's choosing. If the City exercises this option, the City shall maintain coverage that is comparable and substantially equivalent to that provided currently under the present plan.

**12.5** A Health Plan Review Committee, consisting of one employee from each bargaining unit, has been established and coordinated by the City Manager to review alternate health plans. This committee will study both the health plan and the short-term disability plan.

**12.6** The City will make an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) available to each regular employee. The EAP provides personal, family and career counseling to employees along with financial counseling referral, and legal referrals to employees.

### **ARTICLE 13 WORKDAY AND WORKWEEK**

**13.1 (A)** The regular workday for Unit Members shall be twelve (12) hours, inclusive of mealtime. The regular work period consists of eighty-four (84) hours in any two-week pay period on duty, with four (4) hours paid at the time and one-half rate, except in an emergency or when the normal scheduled rotation requires a different duty arrangement. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 514 and 29 CFR 778.105 of the Fair Labor Standards Regulations, the workweek for police dispatch employees working day shift shall begin on Wednesday at 12:00 PM and end on Wednesday at 12:00 PM, and the workweek for police dispatch employees working night shift shall begin on Wednesday at 12:00 AM and end on Wednesday at 12:00 AM. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 514 and 29 CFR 778.105 of the Fair Labor Standards Regulations, the workweek for fire dispatch employees working day shift shall begin on Tuesday at 12:00 PM and end on Tuesday at 12:00 PM, and the workweek for fire dispatch employees working night shift shall begin on Tuesday at 12:00 AM and end on Tuesday at 12:00 AM.

The regular workday for Union Members shall be either eight (8) hours, or twelve (12) hours, inclusive of mealtime.

**(B) Effective January 1, 2023 Voluntary Shift Schedule ("trades") must occur in the same work period must receive Supervisor advance approval in writing and shall not be considered subject to overtime.**

**(C) Effective January 1, 2023 No overtime shall be paid or earned for any pay period in which the employee did not actually work any hours during that pay-period.**

**13.2** Shifts, schedules, rotations and assignments, including weekends and holidays shall be the sole prerogative of the City. The City will give fifteen (15) day written notice of change to the affected employees.

**13.3** The City may institute an optional work schedule to the (5-8, 3-12, or 4-12) shift by giving the Union and the affected employees a (30) thirty days written notice. Should optional work schedule hours be different than a regular eight hours per day (example: 9, 10 or 12 hour days), the optional hours shall constitute a "regular workday", for the purpose of daily overtime pay as defined in section 14.1.

**ARTICLE 14  
OVERTIME**

**14.1** All time worked in excess of the "regular workday" either over 8 hours, or over 12 hours, depending on the schedule, or over (80) eighty hours per two-week pay period shall be considered over-time. Overtime shall be compensated therefore at the rate of time and one-half the Employee's regular pay rate, which will be paid in the same manner as other wages.

**14.2** The Employee shall, on termination of employment, be entitled to be paid all accumulated overtime, together with the Employee's normal wage.

**14.3** All payments for overtime worked will be made with the regular salary check for the pay period in which it was earned.

**14.4** Compensatory Time in lieu of overtime (CTO): Members of the bargaining unit may accrue up to a maximum of two hundred (200) hours annually upon the Department Head's discretionary authority. CTO time may be carried into the following year, but at no time can it exceed the two hundred (200) hours. Management shall approve when employees can take time off, taking into consideration the desire of the employees and the operational needs of the department. The Department Head and employees may mutually agree to pay out any or all CTO time. All unused CTO shall be paid upon termination. All CTO in excess of two hundred (200) hours shall be paid to the employee as part of their normal pay cycle.

**ARTICLE 15  
STAND-BY COMPENSATION**

**15.1** When the City requires an Employee to remain available for call back at any time, the Employee shall receive stand-by pay.

**15.2** When an Employee is required to stand-by, such employee shall be compensated for such stand-by time at the rate of two (2) hours of straight-time compensation for each accumulated eight (8) hours of stand-by.

**15.3** The City reserves the right to close any facility, if the City determines in its sole discretion that the facility needs not be open. The Union acknowledges that Employees do not have the right or privilege to stand-by at non-public City facilities without the express consent of the City.

**ARTICLE 16  
CALLBACK COMPENSATION**

**16.1** When the City requires an Employee to return to work other than his regularly scheduled workday, the Employee shall be entitled to call-back compensation.

**16.2** The City shall compensate the Employee a minimum of two (2) hours of overtime compensation irrespective of the actual time worked when an Employee is called back to perform an emergency task. In the event the task exceeds two (2) hours duration, the total overtime compensation shall be for the hours actually worked.

**ARTICLE 17  
SICK LEAVE**

**17.1** Sick leave is available to an employee to use in case of illness, bodily injury, exposure to a contagious disease, medical or dental appointment or attendance upon seriously ill member of employee's immediate family, as defined by these rules. An employee may take paid sick leave after the first month of employment. Every effort by the employee shall be made to schedule appointments during non-work hours.

Sick leave with pay shall be granted to all Employees. Sick leave shall be earned at the rate of (8) eight hours per calendar month of service, not to exceed a total maximum accumulation of (1920) nineteen hundred twenty hours. No sick leave shall be earned once the maximum accrual is reached.

**17.2** The City agrees to pay fifty percent (50%) of Employee's unused accumulated sick leave upon retirement or death. Upon reduction in force, the City shall pay twenty-five percent (25%) of Employee's unused accumulated sick leave.

**17.3 Family Leave:** Employees with approval of the Department Head may use up to three (3) days accumulated sick leave per year for purpose of attending to immediate family during difficult or extended illness. Alternatives for care of family members should be pursued prior to requesting leave under this provision, and the Supervisor that stipulates to the necessity for such care and attendance may request a copy of a written confirmation from the attending physician.

**17.4 Bereavement Leave:** In the event of a death in the immediate family, the Employee may take off up to four (4) days. The immediate family shall be defined as husband, wife, child, **stepchild**, mother, father, brother, sister, **in-laws**, grandparents and grandchildren. Bereavement Leave is not charged to Sick Leave. Bereavement leave must be taken within two months following the death of the immediate family member. Leave shall be taken in full day increments.

**17.5** When an employee is off work as a result of a valid on-the-job injury sustained in the service of the City, the employee is entitled to use their accrued Sick Leave during the period of disability to make up the difference between their regular pay and the Workers Compensation Temporary Disability Payments. The City shall pay only that amount necessary to make up the difference between the employee's monthly rate and the amount payable to the employee as temporary disability payments from the Worker's Compensation Insurance Plan of the City. To take advantage of this benefit, the employee must forward their Temporary disability check to the City.

**17.6** The City may require verification of the necessity for sick leave. Such verification may be in the form of a written statement from a doctor or a personal affidavit from the Employee. The City reserves the right to specify which of the two verification procedures will be required in any particular situation. If the City requires verification from a physician, the City shall pay for the cost of such verification to the extent such cost is not reimbursed by the Employee's health insurance.

**17.7** If the City determines that an Employee has abused the provisions of the sick leave policy, the Employee shall be subject to disciplinary action.

**17.9 Sick Leave Conversion Upon Retirement:** In lieu of a cash-out of sick leave, an employee upon retirement under PERS, may choose as an option to convert a percentage of the dollar value of the sick leave, at the employee's current hourly base rate of pay as of the date of retirement, to pay the pre-paid health insurance premium for a period of time up to age 65 according to the following conversion plan.

<u>Employee's years of Service with City:</u>	<u>Percentage value of employee's accrued Sick Leave:</u>
Through 15 years	50%
16 through 19 years	70%
20 or more years	80%

**(A)** Following is the procedure to account for the percentage value of converted sick leave. At the written request of the retiring employee, the City Staff will compute the dollar value of the accrued sick leave according to the percentages shown above and maintain an accounting in the employee's name deducting the amount of monthly City health insurance premium from the "balance".

**(B)** The value of sick leave does not accrue in a cash fund for each employee; therefore, no actual funds are held in trust. The City simply agrees to pay the retiree's premium for a period of time until the balance value of the conversion is depleted.

**(C)** Should a retired employee want to stop their insurance premium payments under the

Section, the employee must notify the City Manager in writing, giving the date payments should end, and City Staff will do an accounting of the actual dollar amount already paid out. Should this amount still be less than the fifty percent (50%) value provided for in the sick leave payoff provisions of this MOU (Section 17.2), the balance will be paid to the employee.

(D) Should a retired employee die prior to fully using this benefit, any dependents covered under the health insurance may, if permitted to continue insurance coverage by the insurance carrier, receive the continuation of this benefit until fully expended. The benefit shall have no cash value to the employee's estate, nor can the City accept any claim for payoff by heirs.

## **ARTICLE 18 UNIFORM ALLOWANCE**

**18.1** The City agrees to furnish, at no cost to the Employees, necessary safety items required and determined by the City.

**18.2** The City agrees to provide Fire and Police Dispatchers one summer and one winter uniform upon completion of the initial training period.

**18.3** In addition:

(A) Police Dispatchers will receive **\$725** per year Uniform Allowance; and

(B) Fire Dispatchers will receive **\$625** per year Uniform Allowance.

## **ARTICLE 19 HOLIDAYS AND HOLIDAY PAY**

**19.1** Union members shall receive "Holiday in Lieu Pay". Unit employees will receive an annual amount of (134) one hundred thirty four hours pay. The annual payment is to be made on the pay period prior to Thanksgiving Day. This Holiday in Lieu Pay provision for Union Members replaces all previous policies and resolves any and all previous Holiday Pay issues.

## **ARTICLE 20 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN**

The City agrees to match employee's contributions to their 457 Deferred Compensation Plan up to \$60 per month. The City match is only available for one (1) Deferred Compensation Plan even if employees are enrolled in more than one (1) Plan. Employees must commit to maintain their 457 contribution for one full year.

## **ARTICLE 21 RETIREMENT**

For Miscellaneous Employees, the City provides retirement benefits under a contract with the California Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) as follows:

**21.1** The City confirms that all current PERS Tier 1 Miscellaneous Members are in the 2% at 55 Retirement Formula with single highest year salary retirement formula and:

The City and City of Corning Tier 1 Miscellaneous Members agree the total employee share of retirement costs shall be 7%.

**21.2** The City confirms that all current PERS Tier II Miscellaneous Members are in the 2% at 60 Retirement Formula and:

The City and City of Corning Tier II Miscellaneous Members agree the total employee share of retirement costs shall be 7%.

**21.3** Employees hired on or after January 1, 2013, who are not eligible for reciprocity or are not current CalPERS members without a break in service greater than six (6) months, shall participate in legislatively mandated CalPERS contributions and retirement benefit formula plans established by Assembly Bill 340, the "Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013". This legislation is administered/interpreted by the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS). New employee members shall have the following retirement benefit formula and

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contribution rate:

For PERS Miscellaneous Members 2.0%@62, 3 year final compensation as defined by CalPERS. The Member contribution rate is up to 7.0%. (Currently 6.75%.)

The member contribution rate must comply with Section 7522.30 of the California Government Code. CalPERS may change this rate following actuarial review during the term of the MOU.

The City agrees that the retirement tier changes in 21.2 and 21.3 will not affect employees hired prior to January 1, 2012.

In the event the Legislature modifies the Cal PERS employee/employer contribution rates, the City and Union agree to meet within fifteen days and discuss; provided, however, that this provision shall not be considered a contract reopener; and further provided that this contract provision shall not be used by the City in any action or proceeding to interpret this contract.

## **ARTICLE 22 VACATION**

**22.1** Employees shall earn vacation according to the following:

(A) Employees shall earn vacation with pay at the rate of eighty (80) hours per year after one (1) year of employment.

(B) Employees shall earn vacation with pay at the rate of one hundred twenty (120) hours per year after five years of City employment.

(C) Employees shall earn vacation with pay at the rate of one hundred sixty (160) hours per year after ten (10) years of City employment.

(D) Employees shall earn vacation with pay at the rate of two hundred (200) hours per year after fifteen (15) years of City employment.

(E) The maximum number of vacation hours employees may carry over or have in a vacation account at the start of each new calendar year is two hundred (200) hours.

(F) Employees who have more than two hundred (200) hours in their vacation account will have the excess vacation time paid off at the close of each calendar year.

**22.2** The Employee shall have the option of converting up to fifty percent (50%) of unpaid accumulated vacation to cash payment in lieu of taking vacation. Employees may exercise the payoff option only one (1) time per fiscal year with five (5) working days' notice to payroll.

## **ARTICLE 23 PROBATION PERIOD AND EVALUATION**

**23.1** All Employee evaluations will be made by the Employee's immediate Supervisor or the Employee's Department Head annually prior to the employee's anniversary date. In the event the immediate supervisor or Department Head is unable to complete the evaluation, the City Manager may complete the evaluation. The City reserves the right to conduct formal evaluation summaries every six (6) months. Nothing contained herein should be construed to limit the right of the City to continually monitor and assess Employee performance and provide feedback to the Employee regarding the Employee's performance.

**23.2** All new, promoted, and reclassified Employees are on probation for twelve (12) months. Current City Employees accepting a promotion to a higher classification retain the right to return to their former classification if the City determines during the probation period that they are unable to satisfy the requirements of the new classification.

**23.3** Time spent in a non-paid status will not be counted towards an employee's seniority. When an employee takes unpaid leave, only the unpaid hours off work will remain uncounted toward seniority.

## **ARTICLE 24 LAY-OFF POLICY**

**24.1** The City may lay off Employees whenever it becomes necessary because of lack of work or funds, or whenever it is deemed advisable in the interests of economy to reduce the force in a department or office.

**24.2** Persons shall be laid off in the following order:

(A) All extra help, temporary and provisional Employees in the same department and within the same job classification shall be laid off before any regular Employee is laid off.

(B) When it becomes necessary to reduce the force in any department or office by lay-off of regular Employees, seniority shall be the determining factor. In the case where seniority is equal, ability shall govern. The determination of ability shall be the exclusive responsibility of the Department Head, provided that in making such determination, consideration shall be given to skill, efficiency, knowledge, physical fitness, training and attitude toward fellow Employees.

**24.3** Seniority shall be measured from the Employee's most recent initial appointment to City service, but shall not include any period during which such Employee was on leave without pay, or not actually in City employment because of the Employee's voluntary termination, lay-off or other cause; provided that, for any Employee who is re-employed after being discharged, seniority shall be measured from the date of the Employee's most recent appointment.

**24.4** The City shall send written notice by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, and correctly addressed to the last known mailing address of the Employee as found in the Employee's personnel file. In lieu of the above, the City may serve notice by personal service. Notice of lay-off shall be made at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the action.

**24.5** In lieu of being laid off, a regular Employee may elect demotion and displacement in the same department to a classification previously held by said Employee with substantially the same or lower salary step and/or to a classification in which said Employee meets the minimum qualifications. Demotion and displacement rights to specific classifications shall be applicable only within the department and subject to lay-off list provisions in this Article based on seniority and ability. Employees wishing demotion and displacement in lieu of lay-off must notify the City Manager in writing of this election no later than seven (7) calendar days after receiving notice of layoff.

## **ARTICLE 25 SAVINGS CLAUSE**

**25.1** If any Article section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Memorandum of Understanding shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portion of the Memorandum, it being expressly provided that this Memorandum and each Article section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase hereof would have been adopted irrespective of the fact that any one or more Articles, sections, subsections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

## **ARTICLE 26 FULL UNDERSTANDING, MODIFICATION AND WAIVER**

**26.1** This Memorandum sets forth the full and entire understanding of the parties regarding the matters set forth herein, and any other prior or existing understanding or agreements by the parties, whether formal or informal, regarding any such matters are hereby superseded or terminated in their entirety.

No agreement, alteration, understanding, variation, waiver, or modification of any of the terms or provisions contained herein shall in any manner be binding upon the parties hereto unless made and executed in writing by all parties hereto, and if required, approved by the City Council.

The waiver of any breach, term or condition of this Memorandum by either party shall not constitute a precedent in the future enforcement of all its terms and conditions.

**ARTICLE 27  
TERM OF AGREEMENT**

**27.1** This Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective **January 1, 2023**, upon adoption by the City Council of the City of Corning and shall remain in effect until the **31st day of December 2025**.

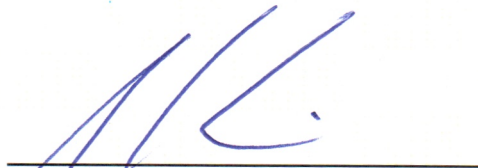
**27.2** This Memorandum of Understanding may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties if additional time is required to consummate a new Memorandum.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Understanding this **January 24, 2023**.

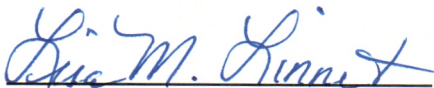
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**Greg Einhorn,  
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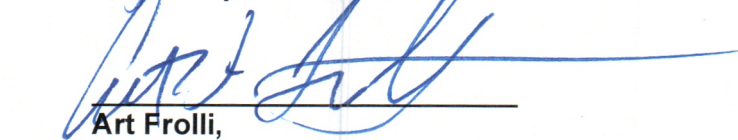
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**Daymon Schlereth,  
Union Representative**



**Ashley Knight,  
Union Representative**



**Art Frolli,  
OE-3 Business Representative**

**Ratified by the Corning City Council on: January 24, 2023**

