RESOLUTION NO. 22-89

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO, ESTABLISHING TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR UNREPRESENTED MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to identify and recognize all current employees that are in Unrepresented Management classifications; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to declare that all of these classifications are presently unrepresented and are not members of any employee labor groups for purposes of collective bargaining or representation; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council that all of the classifications listed in this resolution be exempt under State and Federal Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA") statutes, rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, currently, the Unrepresented Management Employees are compensated pursuant to Resolution No. 18-89 adopted October 29, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interests of the City to adopt this resolution at this time identifying and recognizing all of the classifications that presently belong to this group known as Unrepresented Management Employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Repeal. Resolution No. 18-88 is hereby repealed.

Section 3. Classifications. The classifications belonging to this group, hereinafter known as the Unrepresented Management Employees, are:

Finance Manager
Economic Development Manager
Senior Engineer

Section 4. Terms. The terms and conditions of employment for each classification listed above and hereby established upon adoption are:

a. Pay Increases: The salary ranges of the employees covered by this resolution shall be adjusted as follows:

1. Pay Range. Effective as of the first full pay period in July 2022, no employee shall be paid less than Step 1 or more than Step 6.

2. Step Collapse/Replacement. Effective as of the first full pay period in July 2022, the
City shall collapse the current 11-step salary schedule to 6 steps and implement a 2% cost of living adjustment ("COLA") as follows:

A. Step Collapse:

(1) **Step 6**: Step 11 will receive a 2% COLA and shall become the new Step 6.

(2) **Step 5**: Step 10 will receive a 2% COLA and will become the new Step 5.

(3) **Step 4**: Step 4 will equal 95% of Step 5.

(4) **Step 3**: Step 3 will equal 90% of Step 5.

(5) **Step 2**: Step 2 will equal 85% of Step 5.

(6) **Step 1**: Step 1 will equal 80% of Step 5.

B. Step Placement:

(1) **Step 6**: Employees at current Step 11 will be at the new Step 6.

(2) **Step 5**: Employees currently at Step 10 will be at the new Step 5.

(3) **Step 1-4**: All other employees will be placed in the new Step (1-5) that is closest to their current salary (after receiving a 2% salary increase on current pay) without suffering a pay reduction.

3. **Fiscal Year 2023/2024 COLA**. Effective as of the first full pay period for July 2023, for fiscal year 2023/2024, employees will receive a COLA of 2% of base salary as of June 30, 2023.

4. **Fiscal Year 2024/2025 COLA**. Effective as of the first full pay period for July 2024, for fiscal year 2024/2025, employees will receive a COLA of 2% of base salary as of June 30, 2024.

5. **Merit Increases**.

A. **Eligibility**: From January 1, 2022, to June 30, 2025, employees will be eligible for a step increase on their anniversary date (as defined below), conditioned upon the employee’s evaluation rating his/her performance satisfactory or better.

B. **Timing**: It is expected that the annual evaluation shall occur on an employee’s anniversary date. If the evaluation occurs after the anniversary date and the evaluation rates the performance at satisfactory or better, the step increase will be retroactive to the anniversary date.

C. **Future Increases**: Except for Step 11 (Step 6 after the first full pay period in July
2022), future step increases beyond termination of this on June 30, 2025, must be approved by the Parties in a successor Resolution.

6. Step Ranges. Separate salary schedules showing the salary step ranges are shown in Appendix A attached and herein incorporated by reference.

b. Car Allowance. Each of the designated Unrepresented Management employees shall receive a premium pay of one hundred dollars ($100) per pay period.

c. Administrative Leave. Employees covered by this Resolution shall receive sixty-four (64) hours of paid Administrative Leave per year effective July 1 of each year on a non-accrual basis; provided, however, that an employee joining the City’s professional staff after December 31 of a fiscal year shall receive twenty (20) hours of paid Administrative Leave during that year. Any Administrative Leave time remaining in an employee’s account as of June 30 of each year shall be converted to cash; provided, however, that the total leave converted shall not exceed forty (40) hours. Administrative Leave provided pursuant to this section shall not be considered "vacation leave" within the meaning of section 227.3 of the Labor Code, and any remaining Administrative Leave time remaining as of June 30 shall be forfeited.

d. Retirement.

1. Employees hired prior to January 1, 2013 and covered by this Agreement shall be placed in the California Public Employees Retirement System ("CalPERS") two percent (2%) at fifty-five (55) retirement plan. The City will contribute one hundred percent (100%) of the employer contribution amount as determined by CalPERS. Effective June 26, 2012, the employee shall pay the full employee portion of seven percent (7%). Employee contributions will be paid pre-tax under IRS §414(h)(2).

2. New employees hired by the City on or after January 1, 2013, that are not members of CalPERS shall be placed in the CalPERS two percent (2%) at sixty-two (62) retirement plan. The City will contribute one hundred percent (100%) of the employer contribution amount as determined by CalPERS. Employee’s required contribution amount shall be as determined by CalPERS.

3. The City will continue to contract with CalPERS to provide the compensation benefit option (Government Code §20042) for those employees hired prior to January 1, 2013, that are not considered "new employees" or "new members" as those terms are defined in PEPRA. For "new employees" or "new members" as those terms are defined in PEPRA hired on or after January 1, 2013, the City will contract with CalPERS to provide the highest average annual thirty-six (36) months (Government Code §7522.32).

e. Tuition Reimbursement. Employees shall be eligible for reimbursement of expenses paid by the employee for professional growth and development undertaken by the employee on the employee’s own time, and which are not otherwise reimbursed. Included are expenses for tuition, textbooks and conference registration. This reimbursement shall be limited to a
maximum of one thousand dollars ($1,000) per year and under the guidelines in the City's Personnel Rules and Regulations.

f. **Educational Incentive Pay.** An employee covered by this Resolution who has attained or who attains a higher level of education than is required for his/her position, as certified by the Director of Human Resources, shall receive educational incentive pay pursuant to this section. An employee with an associate of arts or sciences degree shall be eligible to receive fifty dollars ($50) per pay period, an employee with a bachelor of arts or sciences degree shall be eligible for seventy-five dollars ($75) per pay period, and an employee with a master’s degree shall be eligible for one hundred dollars ($100) per pay period. All degrees must be from an accredited university/college and approved by the Human Resources Department. The educational incentive pay increases will be effective upon successful completion of the probationary period.

g. **Longevity Pay.**

1. **Eligibility.** Longevity pay for each employee in a full-time position hired before July 1, 1989, will be fixed at the rate being paid, if any, on December 31, 1989, and no further increases will be paid regardless of the number of years of continuous service to the City. Any employee in a full-time position hired before July 1, 1989, who is not being paid longevity pay on December 21, 1989, or any employee hired on or after July 1, 1989, shall not be eligible for longevity pay.

2. **Placement.** All employees who have been in Step 10 for five (5) continuous years, commencing on July 1, 2015, and who have received satisfactory or higher on their performance evaluations for those five (5) years shall be placed in Step 11 as of their anniversary date, subject to the step collapse in subsection (a).

h. **Medical Insurance.**

1. **Eligibility.** Each employee filling a full-time position and in a pay status for at least thirty (30) hours per week shall have the opportunity to participate in the City’s comprehensive major medical, dental, life, and vision care insurance program. The employees covered by this agreement may obtain coverage for their legal dependents under the same comprehensive major medical, dental, life, and vision care insurance program.

2. **2022 Contribution.** The City will contribute on behalf of the employee the following amounts to the health insurance premiums:

   - Employee Only: Up to $754.56 per month
   - Spouse: Up to $1,155.19 per month
   - Child(ren): Up to $1,094.45 month
   - Spouse & Children: Up to $1,475.52 per month

3. **Future Contributions.** Effective beginning calendar year 2023, the City will either
maintain the 2022 contribution for lowest cost plan only (Limited Plan) or contribute a dollar amount on behalf of the employee equal to 80%, by enrollment category, of the insurance premium for the lowest cost plan (Limited Plan) whichever is greater. The employee shall be responsible for the difference between the City contribution and the actual premium for the plan selected by the employee.

4. Buy Down. The employee shall have the option of participating in the "buy-down level" of said program and receiving the difference in premium as a credit on their paycheck. An employee on an approved leave of absence without pay from the City may continue to carry the City's comprehensive insurance by making full payments to the City for the costs of such insurance, in accordance with the City's Personnel Rules and Regulations.

i. Life Insurance.

1. Individual. The City shall provide term life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment coverage in the amount of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) each for all employees covered by this Resolution.

2. Group. In addition to the amounts provided under paragraph (1), the City shall provide an additional one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) of group life insurance for any employee covered by this Resolution.

j. Disability Insurance. The City shall provide short and long-term disability insurance coverage for employees covered by this Resolution.

k. Retiree Insurance. Employees covered by this Resolution who retire from the City shall have the opportunity to participate in the same comprehensive major medical, dental, life and vision care insurance program. If the sum of an employee's age (expressed in years and complete months) plus the years of service credit with the City of El Centro (as reflected in CalPERS' records) totals seventy-five (75) or more upon retirement, the City shall pay six hundred nineteen dollars and one cent ($619.01) of the employee only portion of said insurance at the "core level" until the employee reaches age sixty-five (65).

l. Bereavement.

1. Eligibility. In the event of a death in an employee's immediate family, said employee shall be eligible for a leave of absence for up to three (3) regularly scheduled days. If required travel exceeds five hundred (500) miles each way, the employee may be granted an additional day (eight hours) of bereavement leave. During such leave, the employee shall be paid his/her regular salary; provided, however, that prior approval for the use of such leave is obtained from the employee's supervisor.

2. Immediate Family. The employee's immediate family shall be defined as: spouse, child, mother, father, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandmother, grandfather, or a grandchild.
3. **Documentation.** Documentation of the date and location of the funeral and the date of burial shall be furnished by the employee upon request of the City.

m. **Bilingual Pay.** An employee in each position designated by the Human Resources Director, after consultation with the affected department head, who is certified to use conversational Spanish in addition to English shall be compensated at the rate of forty dollars ($40) per pay period effective immediately with approval of Human Resources. The City shall, during the term of this resolution, monitor the effectiveness of bilingual pay and the necessity to use Spanish as part of the affected employee’s work activities.

n. **Vacation Leave.**

1. **Eligibility.** Employees shall be eligible to take vacation leave after completion of one (1) month continuous full-time service.

2. **Accrual.** Employees shall accrue vacation leave biweekly for all eligible employees who are in a pay status according to the following schedule:

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3. **Accumulation.** No vacation leave will be accrued above the maximum of one and one-half (1 1/2) times the annual accrual rate at any time or for any reason.

4. **Scheduling.** Employee requests to take vacation leave shall be approved or disapproved by the employee’s supervisor, taking into consideration employee dates of hire, due regard for the wishes of the employee and particular regard for the needs of the organizational unit.

5. **Payment of Vacation and Annual Leave Hours Upon Separation.** Employees who are separated from City service shall be paid for any accrued vacation and annual leave at the employee’s current rate of pay on the date of separation.

6. **Holidays Within Vacation.** When a recognized City holiday falls within an employee’s vacation leave, that day shall not be charged against vacation leave.

7. **Illness Within Vacation.** If an employee becomes ill or injured during vacation leave
which requires hospitalization or medical attention, those days for which proof of such hospitalization or medical attention is furnished shall not be charged against vacation leave.

**o. Cash Out of Vacation and Annual Leave.**

1. **Cash Out.** For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, or following Council approval, whichever occurs later, an employee shall be allowed to cash out only the amount of the denied vacation leave hours, up to the maximum of eighty (80) hours when:

   A. He/she has taken a minimum of one (1) week of vacation leave during the current fiscal year;

   B. He/she thereafter is denied a request to take additional vacation leave in that fiscal year because of department or city workload or reasons beyond the control of either party to this Resolution; and

   C. He/she for such reason is unable to take said vacation leave by the end of that fiscal year without triggering overtime the City

2. **One-Time Payment.** Such a cash out shall be a one-time payment that is not compensable under PERS and is not part of the regular rate of pay.

3. **Hardship.** Effective July 1, 2022, or upon approval of the City Council, whichever occurs later, employees may cash-out vacation leave only in the event of a financial emergency where: (i) the employee can demonstrate that they have a real financial emergency caused by an event beyond their control, (ii) it would result in serious financial hardship if the cash payment were not made, and (iii) the amount of the cash payment is limited to the amount necessary to meet the emergency. City Manager or designee will determine, at their sole discretion, whether an emergency exists and the extent of the financial need.

**p. Sick Leave.**

1. **Accrual.** All permanent and probationary employees covered by this agreement who have completed the equivalent of one month of service shall be eligible for sick leave. Sick leave shall be accrued and credited bi-weekly for all eligible employees who are on pay status for fifty percent (50%) or more of that biweekly period. The accrual rate for said employees shall be three and sixty-nine one hundredths (3.69) hours bi-weekly.

2. **Conversion.** An employee whose retirement date is within four months of separation from employment may, in accordance with Government Code Section 20965, convert all unused sick leave to additional service credit at the rate of four thousandths (0.004) for each day of sick leave (two hundred fifty (250) sick leave days = one (1) additional year of service credit).

**q. Holidays.**
1. **List of Holidays.** Employees covered by this Resolution shall be granted the following paid holidays:

   A. The first (1st) day of January – New Year’s Day;

   B. The third (3rd) Monday in January – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;

   C. The third (3rd) Monday of February – President’s Day;

   D. One-half (.5) day on the afternoon of the Friday before Easter – Good Friday;

   E. The last Monday of May – Memorial Day;

   F. The nineteenth (19th) of June – Juneteenth;

   G. The fourth (4th) day of July – Independence Day;

   H. The first (1st) Monday in September – Labor Day;

   I. The eleventh (11th) day of November – Veteran’s Day;

   J. The fourth (4th) Thursday in November – Thanksgiving Day;

   K. The day following the fourth (4th) Thursday in November, known as the day after Thanksgiving;

   L. The twenty-fifth (25th) day of December – Christmas Day;

   M. The anniversary of the birth of the employee;

   N. One-half (.5) day on the afternoon of December 24th; and

   O. One-half (.5) day on the afternoon of December 31st.

2. **December.** When the twenty-fourth (24th) day and the thirty-first (31st) day of December falls on either a Saturday or Sunday, each half day holiday shall be taken on the Friday preceding December 24th and December 31st.

3. **Personnel Rules.** Should any conflict or inconsistency exist between these terms and conditions of employment and anything contained in the City’s Personnel Rules and Regulations, the provisions of the terms and conditions of employment set forth in this resolution shall prevail.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of El Centro held on the 16th day of August, 2022.

CITY OF EL CENTRO

By ____________________

Tomas Oliva, Mayor

ATTEST:

By ____________________

Norma Wyles, City Clerk

APPROVED TO FORM:

By ____________________

Elizabeth Martyn, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )
COUNTY OF IMPERIAL ) ss
CITY OF EL CENTRO )

I, Norma Wyles, City Clerk of the City of El Centro, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 22- 89 was duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of El Centro, California held on the 16th day of August, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Viegas-Walker, Oliva, Cardenas-Singh, Marroquin

NOES: None

ABSENT: Garcia

ABSTAIN: None

By ____________________

Norma Wyles, City Clerk
TO: Unrepresented Management Unit
FROM: Dulce Bedolla, Human Resources Director
SUBJ: Side Letter – Resolution discrepancy
DATE: August 29, 2022

It has been noted that Resolution 22-89, contains a discrepancy.

The car allowance provision, Section b, requires clarification. It should read as follows:

**Car Allowance:** Each of the designated unrepresented management employees shall receive a car allowance of one hundred dollars ($100) per month.

Also, Finance was not able to process the step collapse and 2% COLA. As you know, this MOU is effective retroactively to the first full payroll in July 2022. The increased compensation, along with the back amount due will be processed on the September 9, 2022 payroll.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

AGREED TO:

Print Name: Karla Chaparro
Signature: Karla Chaparro
Date: 08/30/2022

Print Name: Stacy Mendoza
Signature: Stacy Mendoza
Date: 08/30/22

Print Name: Andres Miramontez
Signature: Andres Miramontez
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