

The City makes the following **mediation proposal** on Reductions in Workforce and Layoffs on April 14, 2025. The City reserves the right to modify or adjust as negotiations continue so long as no TA has been reached.

**NOTE: This Article would be subject to the reopener. It is the City's intent in this Article to agree to language that will function until reopener negotiations on Layoff following the completion of the Class Comp study.**

**ARTICLE \_\_\_\_**  
**REDUCTIONS IN WORKFORCE AND LAYOFFS**

**Section 1, Prior to reductions in workforce.**

- (a) In the event that City economic indicators demonstrate the need for layoffs within the bargaining unit, the City shall notify the Union and set up a meeting between the City, appropriate manager, and the Union to discuss the economic impacts and alternatives to layoffs.
  
- (b) Additionally, the Union has the right to meet with representatives from the City, including the appropriate manager, to discuss the financial situation. Upon receipt of the Union's meeting request, the City has two business weeks to set up and conduct the meeting.
  
- (c) The City and the Union mutually agree to put forth a good faith effort to arrive at alternatives to layoff and to try to come to agreement on alternatives.  
Alternatives to layoffs that may be considered for cost savings may include but are not limited to:
  - i. Accept a vacancy outside home bureau;
  - ii. Temporary reduction in schedules;
  - iii. Participation in State or Federal programs, like Workshare;
  - iv. Extended temporary leave with benefits;
  - v. Furloughs;
  - vi. Severance incentives;
  - and
  - vii. Retraining programs.

**Section 2, Layoff & Seniority.**

- (a) In the event of a layoff for any reason, employees shall be laid off in the inverse order of their seniority in the classification in which the work force is being reduced subject to the stipulations in the remainder of this Section.

(b) Classification seniority for purposes of layoff and recall shall be determined as the length of continuous service in the classification based on the current job entry date. Continuous service shall be broken, and accrued seniority canceled, by resignation, dismissal, or retirement. However, seniority shall continue to accrue during any leave of absence granted under the provisions of this agreement.

**[Bargaining Note: The City will provide a Seniority List showing the job entry dates.]**

(c) In the event of a reclassification resulting in regular appointment in the new classification, seniority for the incumbent unless otherwise established, shall be retroactive to the date the written request for reclassification and all required supporting documentation were filed with the Director of the Bureau of Human Resources.

(d)

A tie in classification seniority shall be broken and greatest seniority determined first by the greatest length of service with the City; ; if a tie remains, then, the date and time of receipt of the application by the Bureau of Human Resources; if a tie remains, then, by whatever job-related method approved by the Human Resources Director.

### **Section 3, Seniority Rights.**

(a) When a full-time employee is laid off due to a reduction in the work force that employee shall be permitted to exercise seniority rights to bump other employees in the sequence described below, providing such employee has greater seniority than the employee who is being bumped, and further providing the employee is qualified to perform the work of the employee being bumped. Any disagreement as to the qualifications of employees in regard to this Article may be taken up through an appeal to Human Resources Director.

(c)

**[Bargaining Note: For part-time, we do not have the job entry date data, but we are working on it. We are open to the concept of part-time not bumping full time.]**

(d) For the purpose of seniority rights current CPPW represented classifications will be divided into two categories: general & specific. These two categories will have unique processes for engaging seniority rights.

- i. Specific Classifications: Environmental Regulatory Coordinators, Multimedia

- Specialists, Business Technology Representatives.
- ii. General Classifications: Administrative Specialist series, Analyst series, Coordinator series, and Financial Analyst series.
    - a. For the purpose of seniority rights, Coordinator I(E) and Coordinator I(NE) will be treated as the same classification.
  - iii. Any additional classifications subsequently represented by the Union will be placed in one of the above categories by mutual agreement of the City and the Union.

#### **Section 4: Seniority Rights Process.**

For the purpose of this Section, offices organizationally structured under the City Administrator but not in a service area, shall be treated as individual bureaus. For any bureaus not in a service area, seniority protection process will disregard the steps referencing service areas below.

##### **a. Specific Classifications Seniority Rights Process**

1. The employee is placed in a vacancy in the same classification first within the employee's assigned bureau, if none, then within the assigned Service Area, if none, then City-wide.
2. If no vacancy in the same classification exists City-wide, the employee displaces the least senior employee in the same classification in the employee's bureau.
3. If no employee with less seniority in the same classification exists in the bureau, the employee displaces the least senior employee in the same classification in the Service Area.
4. If no employee with less seniority in the same classification exists in the Service Area, the employee displaces the least senior employee in the same classification City-wide.
5. If the employee exhausts all options in steps 1-4 then they are laid off.

##### **b. General Classifications Seniority Rights Process**

General Classifications may enact seniority rights based on bumping within the employee's Bureau and subject to a qualifications assessment. Once the City has identified a position for layoff in a general classification, the employee in the affected position may bump into a vacant position within the same classification in the same Bureau if the bumping employee is qualified to perform the work. If no vacant position is available, the employee may bump a less senior employee in the same classification and the same Bureau if the bumping employee is qualified to perform the work. The exercise of bumping rights under this Section is subject to a qualifications assessment at HR's discretion.

#### **Section 4, Layoff Due to New Technology.**

In the event of adoption of a new technology which, because of a lack of qualifications of employees, may result in the layoff of employees or in the creation of a new job classification, the employer shall meet with the Union, at its request, to discuss training opportunities and other methods which might exist to reduce the impact on employees.

#### **Section 5, Layoff Resources.**

- (a) If an employee either opts out of enacting their seniority rights or has no seniority rights available to them and is laid off, they may request the following assistance from their Bureau's Human Resources Business Partner within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of final notice of layoff.
- (b) The Bureau of Human Resources will provide the following assistance to place the employee in any vacancy for which the employee possesses the required qualifications:
  - 1. Assess the employee's qualifications.
  - 2. Review the employee's resume and provide feedback. Assist the employee to revise their resume if requested.
  - 3. Provide the employee with information on the recruitment process.
  - 4. Allow the employee to participate in limited recruitments.
  - 5. Provide the name and qualifications of the employee to hiring managers for consideration when filling vacancies.

6. Hiring bureaus will be required to interview qualified candidates and give them priority consideration when filling vacancies.
  - (c) This assistance, if requested, will be provided until the employee is recalled under the provisions of this Article or for a period of one hundred (100) days from the date of the final notice of layoff whichever occurs first. This assistance does not guarantee that the employee will be placed in a City position.
  - (d) If the employee obtains a permanent position with the assistance described above, their name will be removed from the layoff list for recall to their former position.

**Section 6, Recall and Benefits Upon Layoff/Recall.**

- (a) Recall shall be administered by the City in accordance with Human Resources Administrative Rule 7.06. The City agrees that changes to this rule are required to be bargained with the Union.
- (b) Leave accruals upon recall shall be administered in accordance with Human Resources Administrative Rule 7.06.
- (c) Upon layoff, employee will be paid for all vacation leave and comp time accruals.