

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY
NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION NO. 103 (2016)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ATTACHED CONTRACT TO BE
EXECUTED BETWEEN THE CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY AND THE
COMMUNICATION WORKERS OF AMERICA, SEA ISLE CITY, SUPERVISORS
OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND SEWER AND WATER DEPARTMENT
FOR THE TERM OF JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018.**

WHEREAS, the City of Sea Isle City is desirous of entering into a Contract between the City of Sea Isle City and the Communications Workers of America, City of Sea Isle City, Supervisors of Public Works Department and Sewer and Water Department; and

WHEREAS, said Contract has been negotiated and agreed upon between the City of Sea Isle City and the CWA Union; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City Sea Isle City, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The attached Contract by and between the City of Sea Isle City and the Communications Workers of America, City of Sea Isle City, Supervisors of Public Works Department and Sewer and Water Department is hereby ratified.

2. The Mayor and the Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the attached Contract on behalf of the City of Sea Isle City.


John Gibson, Council President

Recorded Vote:

Council	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Moved	Second
Gibson	X					
Kehner	X					
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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Sea Isle City, New Jersey, at the regular meeting of said Council held on Tuesday, May 21, 2016.


Cindy L. Griffith, Municipal Clerk

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

between

CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY

and

COMMUNICATION WORKERS OF AMERICA
SUPERVISORS OF PUBLIC WORKS

Dated: January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018

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PREAMBLE

THIS AGREEMENT entered into this _____ day of _____, 2016 and between the City of Sea Isle City in the county of Cape May, a municipal Corporation of the State of New Jersey, hereinafter called the "City" and the Communications Workers of America, City of Sea Isle City, Supervisors of Public Works department and Sewer and Water Department, hereinafter called the "Union".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, that for the purpose of mutual understanding and in order that a harmonious relationship may exist between the City and the Union and to the end that continuous efficient service will be rendered to and by both parties, for the benefit of both:

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE I - UNION RECOGNITION

- A. The City hereby recognizes the Union for the purpose of collective negotiations, as the exclusive representative of all permanent full-time supervisor employees of the Water and Sewer and Public Works Departments of the City with respect to rates of pay, wages, hours of work and other working conditions.
- B. References in this Agreement to "males" shall include "females", as well.

ARTICLE II— MODIFICATION

- A. The City agrees that it will not establish new work rules or regulations, or modify or amend existing work rules or regulations governing wages, hours, or working conditions mandated negotiable by law except by an instrument in writing duly executed by both parties, except that the City reserves the right to expound upon and publish existing work rules.
- B. This Agreement shall not be modified, altered or changed except by written agreement of the parties.
- C. This Agreement represents and incorporates the complete and final understanding and settlement by the parties of all bargaining issues, which were or could have been the subject of negotiations. During the term of this Agreement, neither party will be required to negotiate with respect to any such matter, whether or not covered by this Agreement, and whether or not within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both of the parties at the time they negotiated or signed this Agreement.

ARTICLE III - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- A. The purpose of this procedure is to secure, at the lowest possible level, an equitable solution to the problem which may arise affecting the terms and conditions of employment.
- B. Nothing herein shall be construed as limiting the right of any employee having a grievance to discuss the matter informally with any appropriate member of the department.
- C. The term "grievance" as used herein means any controversy arising over the interpretation, applications or alleged violation of the terms and conditions of this Agreement or policies of the governing body and decisions affecting terms and conditions of employment and may be raised by an individual or the Union.
- D. All actions filed under this procedure shall be brought within ten (10) working days of the happening of the event or the said grievance shall be null and void.
- E. Procedure:

STEP ONE: If no agreement can be reached orally within ten (10) working days of the initial discussion with his supervisor, the employee may present the grievance in writing within ten (10) working days to the Director of the Department of Public Works, Parks and Public Property or his designated representative. The written grievance at this step shall contain the nature of the grievance and a summary of the preceding oral discussion, the basis of his dissatisfaction with the determination and the remedy requested by the grievance. The Director or his designated representative will answer the grievance in writing within ten (10) working days of receipt of the written grievance. Failure of the Director to answer shall institute Step Two. The party filing the grievance shall forthwith transmit a copy of the grievance to the Business Administrator.

STEP TWO: If the Union wishes to appeal the decision of the Director, such appeal shall be presented in writing to the Business Administrator within fifteen (15) working days. This presentation shall include copies of all previous correspondence relating to the matter in dispute. The Business Administrator shall respond, in writing, to the grievance within fifteen (15) working days of the submission.

STEP THREE:

- A. If the grievance is not settled through Steps 1 and 2, the Union shall have the right to request the appointment of an arbitrator pursuant to the rules and regulations established by the Public Employment Relations Commission under the provisions of Chapter 303, Public Law 1975.
- B. Costs for the services of the arbitrator shall be shared equally between the parties for the first three (3) days and thereafter shall be borne exclusively by the Union. Any other expenses, including but not limited to the presentation of witnesses, shall be paid by the party incurring same.

- C. The arbitrator shall decide those issues involved in the grievance and his recommendations shall be binding as to all parties.
- D. The designated Union representative shall be permitted as a member of the grievance committee to confer with employees and the City on specific grievances in accordance with the grievance procedure set forth herein during work hours of employees, without the loss of pay, provided that the Commission shall have the right to hold hearings during work hours.

ARTICLE IV - REDUCTION IN RANK

- A. Employees shall not be reduced in rank or job classification without just cause.
- B. No permanent employee shall be dismissed and subsequently replaced by any employee subsidized by State or Federal Funding.
- C. Employees shall not be dismissed without just cause.
- D. Seniority shall not be accumulated during the period of lay off. Upon recall, the appointed employee shall have his accumulated seniority to the date of lay off.

ARTICLE V - PROBATIONARY PERIOD

- A. Subject to the rules and regulations of the New Jersey Civil Service Commission, new employees shall serve a probationary period of three (3) months. During said probationary period, employees shall be paid as qualified first year employees. For the purpose of seniority and longevity, the original date of hire should be used. During the probationary period the employee shall not be considered a member of the bargaining unit.

ARTICLE VI— COURT TIME

- A. If an employee is required to appear in a court or agency hearing on City related business on behalf of the City on his day off or time off, he shall be compensated as follows:
1. At the regular rate of pay with a minimum of two hours or,
 2. 1 ½ times the regular rate of pay for time actually spent in Court or at the hearing or,
 3. Compensatory time off at regular time.

ARTICLE VII— EMPLOYEE SAFETY

- A. The City agrees to maintain a safe and healthy work environment. The City shall repair or replace any unsafe vehicles immediately according to New Jersey Motor Vehicle Codes. Employees shall not be required to operate any unsafe vehicle, if the same is declared unsafe by the City mechanic, Safety Officer, Assistant Superintendent or Superintendent.
- B. Each vehicle shall be equipped with all items necessary to promote employee safety including first aid kit, fire extinguisher, heaters and road flares. Air conditioning shall be installed and maintained in any new or used vehicles the city purchases, including the City street sweeper.
- C. The City shall inform the Union of the new program and Committee that is to be implemented to address health and safety issues. Any appointment to that Committee shall be determined once the program becomes effective.

ARTICLE VIII— CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

- A. Work uniforms shall consist of dark blue work pants or dark blue jeans.
- B. Shirts shall be either light blue, dark navy blue or safety green. Any shirts with outdated logo may be worn for the "life" of the shirt. All shirts shall have approved "Sea Isle City" Public Works logo imprinted on the shirt. Approved work apparel is as follows: tees, baseball, golf, crew neck and oxford shirts, and hooded sweatshirts. The City shall provide silk screening.
- C. Summer work uniforms maybe worn as weather permits.
- D. The City shall provide an annual clothing allowance in the amount of \$1,050.00 for all members covered under this agreement, for new uniforms, clothing and shoe allowance, replacement and maintenance of such. Such payment shall be paid annually one-half (1/2) after the temporary City budget is passed and the remainder three (3) weeks after the final City budget is approved.
- F. The City will replace prescription eyeglasses when such glasses are damaged in the course of duty, except in those instances when protective goggles should have been worn when the damage occurred. The City shall not be liable for normal wear and tear of prescription eyeglasses, nor for damage resulting from misuse or mishandling of prescription eyeglasses. The replacement of prescription eyeglasses shall require the approval of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator. The procedure for prescription eyeglass replacement is as follows:
1. Employees shall furnish proof of purchase and proof of loss of the item;
 2. Subject to the monetary limitations contained herein, the City shall have the right to compensate the employee monetarily;
 3. In computing the value of an item, depreciation and wear and tear shall be included.
- G. The City recognizes that from time to time it is necessary for employees to use personal tools and equipment on the job. In the event that said tools or equipment shall become lost or damaged while being used with the Superintendent's permission, the City shall reimburse the employee for loss or damages up to Two Hundred Fifty (\$250) dollars.

ARTICLE IX - DURATION OF CONTRACT

- A. This contract shall cover a four year period from January 1, 2015 until December 31, 2018
Both parties agree to commence negotiations for 2019 on or about October 1, 2018.
- B. It is specifically agreed upon between the parties that these provisions shall be retroactive to
January 1, 2015.

ARTICLE X - LEAVE

- A. After completion of three (3) years employment, an employee may request a leave of absence without pay or benefits.
- B. Leave of absence, without pay or benefits, may be granted by the Department Head for good cause for up to one (1) year.
- C. Military leave will be granted in accordance with State and Federal law.

ARTICLE XI— HOLIDAYS

- A. Employees shall receive all Holidays celebrated by the City in accordance with the Holiday Resolution. The City agrees that during the life of this Agreement, it will not remove from the Holiday Schedule any holidays currently observed.
- B. Any special holiday observed by the City through resolution by the City Council, during the life of this Agreement, shall be given to the employees of the Bargaining Unit as a matter of right.
- C. Each employee covered by this agreement shall receive the following holidays with pay:

New Year's Day	Labor Day
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Columbus Day
Lincoln's Birthday	Veteran's Day
Washington's Birthday	Election Day (November)
Good Friday	Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day	Day After Thanksgiving
Independence Day	Christmas Day

- D. Employees covered under this Agreement shall receive five (5) personal days, at their discretion with prior notice except in cases of emergency when no prior notice shall be necessary. The City will determine whether there has been an emergency.

ARTICLE XII— VACATION

- A. Every full-time permanent member of the Bargaining Unit shall receive vacation in accordance with the following schedule:

One (1) day each month for every month of employee's first year
After one (1) year and up to five (5) years completed - 12 days
After five (5) years and up to ten (10) years completed - 15 days
After ten (10) years and up to twenty (20) years completed —20 days
After twenty (20) years and up —25 days

The above schedule applies to supervisors appointed after January 1, 1992. Those supervisors appointed prior to that date are entitled to twenty-five (25) days vacation after fifteen (15) years

Vacation time must be used in the year earned. However, if the work schedule does not permit the use of vacation in the year earned, then a twenty-four (24) month carry over will be allowed only with the Department Head's signed approval. Also, if an employee wishes to "bank" or carry-over no more than ten (10) days he or she may do so for not more than twenty-four (24) months. Should the vacation time not be used by the end of any twenty-four (24) month extension period, then unused vacation time shall be cancelled without pay.

- B. If an employee becomes sufficiently ill so as to require in-patient hospitalization while he is on vacation, he may charge such period of illness and post hospital recuperation against sick leave at this option.
- C. For members of the Union, vacations shall be selected according to seniority.
- D. Employees may split vacations. If an employee desires to split his or her vacation, his or her first choice shall be only on the basis of seniority.
- E. Employees may request summer vacation if scheduling permits, but the final decision is up to the Business Administrator. Any such requests will not be arbitrarily denied.
- F. An employee will receive vacation pay in the pay period immediately prior to scheduled vacation if so requested and on condition:
1. the employee makes such request thirty (30) days prior to payment to permit processing of the request; and
 2. by making such request the employee understands that there will be no pay check in the pay period occurring upon his or her return from vacation.
- G. Employees at their discretion may sell back earned vacation time in increments of whole days at their regular rate of pay in the year that vacation time is sold back. However, as of January 1, 1997, any unit member choosing to sell back his or her earned vacation time shall notify his or her department head no later than September 1, 1997, for a pay out of that time.

The "sell back" language shall be null and void effective December 31, 1997, and the approved twenty-four (24) month carry-over shall be implemented December 31, 1997.

- H. When an employee dies having to his or her credit vacation leave, the employee's estate shall be paid for the vacation leave at the employee's rate of pay at the time of his or her death.

ARTICLE XIII— SICK LEAVE

- A. Sick leave shall continue to be accumulated at the rate of one (1) day per month for the first year and fifteen (15) days per year thereafter.
- B. If an employee retires without using up his or her sick leave, the City shall pay each such employee an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of all accrued and unused sick leave pay up to a maximum amount of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000) dollars.
- C. Prior to going on terminal leave, all employees shall receive all accrued benefits.
- D. Any salary increases, which are given to, the regular and temporary employees of the Union shall be also given to any member absent because of sick leave, but not terminal leave.
- E. The Union and the City hereby agree that extended sick leave will no longer be available for employees to utilize.
- F. When illness prevents employees from attending work, they may use accumulated sick leave at full pay. Employees may also use sick leave when a serious illness in their immediate family requires their absence from work. The City may elect to verify the sickness.
- G. Serious illness, for the purposes of the above section F, is defined as that which requires attendance of the employee upon a member of the immediate family.
- H. Sick time shall be calculated on an hour for hour basis. Any employee who becomes ill while at work and goes home shall receive credit for only those hours actually worked.

ARTICLE XIV - WAGES

A. The City agrees that the Wage Rates for employees under this Agreement shall be increased during the term of this Agreement as follows:

January 1, 2015	2.0% (retroactive to January 1, 2015)
January 1, 2016	2.0%
January 1, 2017	2.0%
January 1, 2018	2.0%

- B. The annual wages paid to employees are based upon a 2080 hour work year.
- C. Salary ranges are hereby established for all positions as attached. Ranges shall change annually as needed with the negotiated percentage.
- D. Promotions. An employee who receives a promotion within the Bargaining Unit shall receive an increase of not less than 8%, not to exceed the top of the new range, but must bring into the bottom of the range. However, in the event a promotion takes place that does not result in a minimum increase of \$1,000, the salary range shall be adjusted accordingly for that specific situation.
- E. All paychecks via direct deposit, commencing 90 days from execution of Contract.
- F. The City shall issue paper checks for any one time allowance, such as, CDL and clothing allowance, only if requested by the member in writing by January 1 of each year

ARTICLE XV - LONGEVITY

A. All members prior to December 31, 1992 shall receive longevity according to the schedule below. Employees hired on January 1, 1993 and thereafter are not entitled to longevity.

<u>YEARS OF SERVICE</u>	<u>PERCENT OF ANNUAL SALARY</u>
After completion of 4 th year to Completion of 8 th year	2%
From the beginning of the 9 th Year to the completion of the 12th year	4%
From the beginning of the 13 th year To the completion of the 16th year	6%
From the beginning of the 17 th year To the completion of the 21 st year	8%
From the beginning of the 22 nd year And on	10%

ARTICLE XVI— HOURS AND OVERTIME

A. The City reserves the right to establish the workweek so that it meets the City's wants and needs in accordance with all Federal and State laws as applicable to municipalities. In general the hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and in season 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The hours of operation are subject to forty-eight (48) hour notice of change in work hours, except in an emergency. The season commences the first day of Memorial Day weekend. The season ends as follows:

If October 1 falls on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday the season ends the Monday before.

If October 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday the season ends on that Monday.

- B. Base salary shall be computed based on forty (40) hours.
- C. Overtime shall be paid for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours in one (1) day at the rate of time and one-half the employee's regular rate of pay, except for those employees working ten (10) hours per day, four (4) days per week, who shall receive overtime for all hours in excess of ten (10).
- D. In computing continuous overtime, any employee working 16 to 30 minutes shall be paid 30 minutes overtime and an employee working 31 to 60 minutes shall be paid one-hour overtime. In computing all other overtime, any employee working 1 to 30 minutes shall be paid for 30 minutes overtime; 31 to 60 minutes shall be paid for 1-hour overtime.
- E. If any employee is scheduled or called to duty on his or her day off or he or she is recalled, he or she shall be paid for at least four (4) hours worked at time and one-half his or her regular rate of pay or compensated in time off so long as in accordance with the requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act and on the express understanding that they will be subject to assignments of work during such four (4) hour period. All employees shall be considered available for call out unless prior notice is given to their respective Supervisors.
- F. Overtime worked on any holiday shall be compensated at the rate of one and one-half times the employee's regular rate of pay and the employee shall receive a compensatory day off except the employee can elect to accrue the days(s) or on notice to the City can receive compensation therefore at his or her regular rate of pay.
- G. Overtime shall be given on a rotating basis according to seniority.
- H. For the purpose of assigning overtime to employees covered by this Agreement, overtime assignments for scheduled overtime will be made on the last regular working day prior to that assignment. Members who are out sick or on leave the day the overtime is assigned are not eligible.

- I. A person on vacation may be eligible for scheduled overtime providing he submits in writing his eligibility to work prior to going out on vacation.
- J. Scheduled overtime is defined as any overtime, which is not an emergency or a continuation of a job that has been in progress during the normal workday. The overtime rotations established in this Article shall be waived if the overtime is a continuation of a job that has been in progress during the normal workday.
- K. For the purpose of assigning overtime to employees covered by this Agreement, snow plowing is to be considered a Public Works duty first. After exhausting the Public Works list, then sewer and water lists are to be used. Overtime rotation as established in this Article shall follow the on-call list.
- L. Consecutive agreements must be made in exact order. Positions on the rotation are nontransferable.
- M. An employee who has worked 16 consecutive hours or more shall be entitled to an 8-hour rest period before returning to work. If this 8-hour rest period extends into the employee's regularly scheduled basic workday, the employee shall lose no time thereby.

ARTICLE XVII— RETIREMENT

- A. Employees shall retain all pension rights under Public Employees Retirement System.
- B. If a member wants to protect pension beneficiary upon retirement eligibility, they may submit a letter of intent to retire to the Business Administrator. Upon acceptance by the City, the position will be maintained and not subject to discretionary removal.

ARTICLE XVIII — DUES CHECK OFF

- A. The City agrees to deduct from the earnings of each employee Union member dues when said employee has properly authorized such deduction in writing. The City will forward all dues deduction monies collected on a bi-weekly basis to the Treasurer of CWA as listed below:

Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO
c/o Secretary Treasurer
501 3rd Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 2001-2797

With a copy going to the following:

Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO
26 High Street
P.O. Box 723
Mt. Holly, NJ 08060
Attention: John Lazzarotti, Assistant to the President, CWA Local 1036

- B. A list of names, bi-weekly salary and amount of deduction will be included. The parties agree that for the term of this Agreement, in accordance with the New Jersey Statutes, any employee who is a member of this bargaining unit of the effective date of this Agreement who is not a member of the Union shall pay an Agency Shop Fee equal to eighty-five percent (85%) of the dues, initiation fees and special assessments of the bargaining agent. Such fees shall be deducted from the employees affected on the basis of authorization provided by the bargaining agent. This provision shall be effective upon the signing and ratification of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XIX - INSURANCE, HEALTH AND WELFARE

- A. Employees agree to the following benefits: State Health Benefit Plan Direct Access 15 (for 2016, 2017 and 2018; remain Direct Access 10 during 2015).or Comparable. The City also will supply each employee with the eyeglass plan and dental plan now in effect for the other employees. The current dental and vision plans shall remain as is for 2015 through 2018.

Employees of the City that are married/civil union shall be provided with one medical plan as long as married/civil union. Both shall be included on the healthcare plan; however, both are independently entitled to coverage and upon dissolution/termination of the marriage/civil union or some other triggering event, each shall be afforded their own medical plan. The employees provided one medical plan herein shall not be paid a waiver of coverage payment.

The employees shall have the option to opt out of health insurance consistent with Federal and State Law and be paid \$5,000.00 or 25% of the health insurance premium, whichever is less.

The City shall continue to pay premiums as described above for the employee, spouse, and dependents, when he or she retires from the City after twenty-five (25) years of service. Upon the death of the employee, the City agrees to continue paying the premiums as described above for the employee's spouse with the foregoing to be terminated at the time of death. However, the City shall discontinue such premiums as described above for the employee's spouse in the event that the employee's spouse re-marries. Medicare Part B reimbursement is available only to eligible retirees; and only to those who receive healthcare coverage from the City.

When healthcare coverage is provided upon retirement, the retiree shall be covered by the plan in place for the bargaining unit members and retirees, and it is understood that the plan may be modified by future collective bargaining agreements.

Effective January 1, 2015, the amount of contribution to be paid by an employee shall be set in accordance with P.L.2011, c.78. The parties recognize New Jersey State mandated contributions by public employees to health care costs. All active employees shall have deducted (pre-tax) via payroll deduction under the Section 125 Plan any amount paid to the City for their health insurance contribution pursuant to P.L.2011, c.78.

If retired employee or covered spouse has or takes a job with an employer who provides health benefits, he or she must work with the City to ensure coordination of benefits.

- B. If an employee retires due to a job related, permanent illness, sickness or injury, the City shall continue in full force and affect all benefits under this Article.
- C. Employees retiring prior to twenty-five years of service may continue with the City insurance programs at their own expense as permitted by Law.

- D. The City shall provide a Dental Plan for all employees and their dependents, as currently provided. Dental coverage shall be Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) maximum plus Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) ortho rider.
- E. In the event there is a drug that is prescribed that requires a coverage review, and the coverage review deems that the medicine is not covered by SHPB and a suitable therapeutic equivalent is not available as agreed by the member's attending physician, the City will reimburse for the cost of that drug, so that the employee's maximum cost exposure is \$15.00.
- F. Provide coverage for utilization of labs that are not within the SHBP, with the condition that reimbursement for labs outside the SHBP network will only be made in the event of a medical necessity, as per the order of the prescribing physician.

ARTICLE XX - SCHOOLING

- A. The City shall determine the requirements for formal training for each employee's title. Those employees requiring formal training will be designated by the Business Administrator and shall not be denied by the Director of the Department. Training will be scheduled by the City. Employees will be reimbursed for all costs incurred by attending formal training including meals up to ten dollars (\$10) per meal and travel expenses at the prevailing IRS rate. The City will add One hundred dollars (\$100) per year to the employee's base salary for each formal training course successfully completed by an employee.
- B. The City shall add One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to the employee's base salary for individuals requested or required by the City to hold licenses which are required to be held in accordance with federal, state, county or local law, and that require the presence or availability of the employee in the event of the absence of the City's designated license holder. To be entitled to the \$1,000.00 added to base salary for each license the member must maintain the license(s) or same will be removed from the base.

ARTICLE XXI - NEGOTIATION OF A SUCCESSOR AGREEMENT

- A. The parties agree to enter into collective negotiations over a Successor Agreement in accordance with Chapter 303, Public Laws 1974 in a good faith effort to reach agreement on all matters concerning the terms and conditions of employment. Such negotiations shall begin no later than October 1, 2018. Any agreement negotiated shall be reduced to writing and be submitted for ratification by the Union and approved by the City. If ratified and approved, it shall be signed by the parties.

ARTICLE XXII – SEPARABILITY AND SAVINGS

- A. If any provision of this Agreement or any application of this Agreement to any employee or group of employees is held invalid by operation of law, or by a court or other tribunal of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be inoperative but all other provisions shall not be affected thereby and all continue in full force and effect.

ARTICLE XXIII - NO RESTRICTION OF RIGHTS

- A. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict to any employee such rights as he or she may have under the New Jersey or Federal labor laws, New Jersey Civil Service Commission regulations or any other applicable laws or regulations.

ARTICLE XXIV - MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Each employee shall have access to his or her personnel file at reasonable times and upon request and prior approval of the City Department Heads.
- B. The City shall keep no other personal files that would not be available to employee access as it pertains to that particular employee.
- C. All employees shall be made aware of any reports or charges made against him or her. An employee shall have the right to remain silent until he or she consults with an attorney or the Union.
- D. All disciplinary action, including suspension, taken against any employee shall be done in accordance with the New Jersey Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations. In cases when the City Department Head deems the suspension of an employee to be an immediate necessity for the safety of the public or the welfare of the City, he shall submit a report explaining such action to the Governing Body and the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO. A copy of said report shall be given immediately to the employee. Employees shall not be suspended or suffer any loss in benefits until after the employee has had a departmental hearing and has been found guilty. When a member is suspended for a minor disciplinary action, he/she shall have the option to use a sick or personal day (s), for internal disciplines only, in place of the suspension time.
- E. Employees shall be entitled to engage in outside employment during off hours.
- F. All employees shall be entitled to two (2) fifteen (15) minute coffee breaks and one half hour paid lunch for every eight (8) hour shift.
- G. When it is necessary for an employee to use his or her personal vehicle for City business, the employee shall be compensated at that rate set for mileage by the Internal Revenue Service and said employee shall be insured by the City.
- H. To provide advancement opportunities for employees within the Department, existing or planned job vacancies shall be posted prominently for seven (7) days in a designated area. The posting shall include a description of the job, any required qualifications, the location of the vacancies, the salary range, the hours of work and the procedure to be followed by an employee interested in making application.
- I. Employees shall perform any and all assigned tasks during periods of emergency in the municipality as declared by the Department Director or the Mayor.
- J. During the term of this contract, the Union agrees not to institute any job action or strike. The City agrees during the term of this contract not to institute any lockouts.
- K. The City will notify the Union subsequent to the decision to promote or change the title of any employee.
- L. The City shall provide legal representation to employees if litigation shall develop as

a result of actions arising out of and in the course of employment, except that no representation shall be provided for the defense of a criminal or disorderly person.

- M. Any improvements in benefits to other City employees shall be extended to this Contract. The improvements are only for benefits. They do not include any changes in wages but only non-monetary benefits.
- N. If an employee attends an approved Emergency Medical Technician course, an approved CPR course, and/or is certified Fire he or she shall be paid an additional SIX Hundred dollars (\$600) on the express condition that he or she presents proof of completion of the course and qualification. Employees who receive the stipend are required to respond to a minimum of ten (10) calls per year. The City further agrees to pay for the recertification fee of Emergency Medical Technician when required by law. The employee agrees not to allow certification to lapse for the year in which he or she is paid for. The emergency Medical Technician shall make himself or herself available during daytime hours to treat and transport patients to a medical facility by ambulance. The Ambulance Corps Chief shall certify that these requirements have been met. The compensation shall be paid after November 1st of each year.
- O. Commencing January 1, 1996, the City shall pay the renewal fee for any employee whose job requires a commercial driver's license (CDL).
- P. Annually on the first pay in December any employee obtaining or in possession of a commercial driver's license (CDL) shall receive \$700.00.
- Q. The employee shall not be subject to any offensive language, nor shall he or she be threatened with transfer, dismissal, or other disciplinary punishment.
- R. When in the event any employee(s) are prevented from traveling to or entering Sea Isle City by local, state, or federal authorities, acts of nature or terrorism, the employee shall receive credit for working the entire eight (8) hours and shall lose no time thereby.

ARTICLE XXV - TIME OFF

- A. When a death occurs in an employee's immediate family, the employee shall be given five (5) scheduled working days off with pay beginning with the first scheduled working day on which the employee does not report for duty. In the event an employee requires additional time for bereavement, request for same shall be made to the Business Administrator.

The term "employee's immediate family" shall mean the employee's mother, father, sister, brother, wife, husband, domestic partner, son, daughter, child of domestic partner, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, grandmother, grandfather, granddaughter, grandson.

- B. Employees shall be granted time-off, without deduction from pay, for a period up to three (3) days for natural childbirth, and five (5) days for Cesareans Childbirth provided the employee is named father on the birth certificate.
- C. Any time off under this article shall not be deducted from any other leave of absence, provided that the employee is not using another leave of absence at the time of death or birth.
- D. In the vent of the death of a niece, nephew, brother/sister-in-law, aunt, uncle, first cousin, and foster parents or relatives living under the same roof, said employee will be permitted to attend to funeral upon request to the employee's appropriate supervisor. Two (2) days shall be granted to the employee to attend said funeral.

ARTICLE XXVI - RIGHTS OF UNION REPRESENTATIVES AND MEMBERS

- A. The City agrees to grant time off to Union Delegates, and Delegates only, not to exceed four (4) days for the purpose of attending any actually scheduled regular or special meetings or conventions of the State and/or International Union; provided that said Delegate provide the Department Head with fourteen (14) days notice of a regular meeting, and ninety-six (96) hours notice of a special meeting. In the event that a Delegate is unable to attend the meeting and/or convention, or any part thereof, the application can be made to allow a duly authorized alternate delegate to attend. Approval of said application shall not be unreasonably denied. Delegates of said application shall not be unreasonably denied. Delegates, or alternatives when applicable, shall be granted the said times off for those days during which the meeting and/or convention is actually scheduled, and the meeting and/or convention must be in session for at least four (4) hours, between a period of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The delegate, or alternate where applicable, shall present certification form the Union that attendance was necessary and there was actual attendance. In no event may a delegate and alternate obtain concurrent time off to attend any meeting or convention.

Said delegates and Alternates shall be permitted no more than an aggregate of five (5) days per year with pay for attendance at said meetings or conventions.

Permission to attend said meetings or conventions shall be granted according to the manpower needs of the respective departments, and such permission shall not be unreasonably denied. In determining whether to grant said time off, the department head shall consider manpower, vacations in effect, employee (s) out on sick time, skills of the delegates or alternates, and needs of the municipality.

- B. During negotiations, authorized Union Representatives, not to exceed two (2), shall be excused from their normal duties for such purposes of negotiations as may be agreed upon by the parties. The parties agree that, whenever practicable, negotiations shall take place during those hours when the authorized Union Representatives are not working.
- C. The rights and privileges of the Bargaining Unit, and its members, as set forth in this Agreement, shall be granted only to the Bargaining Unit, and its members, as the exclusive representatives of the affected employees.

ARTICLE XXVII— DRUG TESTING POLICY

A. Within ninety (90) days of the signing of this Agreement, the City and the Union will establish a Drug Testing Disciplinary Committee to negotiate and finalize disciplinary practices for the City's existing Drug Testing Policy. The parties agree that this committee will consist of not more than three (3) members from each party.

ARTICLE XXVIII - JOB SECURITY

- A. This will confirm the understanding between the parties regarding some of the efforts the City will undertake to lessen the impact of possible privatization initiatives or the closing of City's facilities that could possibly occur and which impact it may have on employees in CWA.
- B. In the event the City seriously considers privatization of a facility or function for purely fiscal or economic reasons impacting negotiation unit employees, the City agrees to give the Union reasonable advance notice, but not less than 90 days prior to actual closure or privatization and, upon not less than 90 days prior to actual closure or privatization and, upon request, to meet with the Union to give the Union an opportunity to present its position on the economic issues. The Union shall be given the opportunity to demonstrate that unit employees will do the same work more efficiently than a private contractor. The City agrees to provide the Union with relevant cost information necessary to enable the Union to develop its economic position, including public documents. The City will meet with the Union within thirty (30) days of the issuance of this information. When the privatization decision is based upon policy reasons, and will result in a layoff or job displacement of bargaining unit employees, the City will give the Union reasonable advance notice of its decision and, upon request, meet with the Union to explain its rationale and discuss the impact on affected employees. It is understood that in any event, the decision to privatize is a managerial prerogative that may not be subject to the negotiation process.
- C. The efforts the City will undertake to alleviate the impact on employees laid off as a result of such actions shall include one or more of the following as appropriate under the existing circumstances and shall be subject to discussions between the City and the Union:
1. Establishing preferential hiring lists with the private employer;
 2. Establishing hiring freezes for positions determined to have the same or similar duties and responsibilities at other City locations within the department affected to create openings which will be filled by qualified laid off employees and, if practicable, by employees targeted for layoff.
 3. Continuing health coverage under COBRA which the City will pay for a certain limited transition period but not less than three months in duration; and
 4. Providing training for qualified employees to the extent there are openings and laid off employees require training to fill them.
- D. The City agrees to make good faith efforts, which shall include compliance with all DOP regulations to lessen the possibility of the layoff or demotion-in-lieu of layoff of employees in the bargaining unit. Where practicable, these efforts will be made whenever workers are placed at risk through privatization, or program reductions or eliminations for reasons of economy, efficiency, or other reason. The efforts the City may take to lessen the possibility of layoff or demotion may include, wherever practicable, voluntary reduced work time and

voluntary layoff or demotion, which shall be offered to employees before the employer takes involuntary action to reduce the workforce. Consistent with DOP regulations, the City will consider the following pre-layoff actions prior to any permanent employees being laid off or demoted:

1. Hiring and promotion freezes;
 2. Separation of non-permanent employees;
 3. Returning provisional employees to their permanent titles;
 4. Securing of transfers and reassignment to other employment; and
 5. Filling of existing vacancies.
- E. Good faith attempts will be made to fill positions determined by the New Jersey Civil Service Commission to have substantially the same or similar duties and responsibilities at other City locations by qualified laid off or demoted employees and, if practicable, by employees targeted for layoff. As practicable, the State shall train "at risk" employees to allow movement from the "at risk" location to work locations within or outside the appointing authority where positions are available. It is understood that all such actions must be consistent with operative law and DOP regulations. In the event the City seriously considers privatization of a facility or function which could result in the layoff or displacement of bargaining unit employees, the City agrees to give the Union reasonable advance notice, but not less than 120 days prior to the awarding a privatization contract to perform the work.
- F. Accompanying the notice will be a detailed accounting of all costs under the privatization and a comprehensive cost analysis. The parties shall mutually select an independent outside auditor to determine whether substantial cost savings will occur if the privatization occurs. Where the independent auditor determines that there is no substantial cost savings, the City will undertake best efforts to ensure there shall be no layoff or adverse economic impact on City employees. Where there is substantial cost savings, and the City chooses to privatize, the City agrees to use the displaced worker pool in order to lessen the impact of such layoff. If there is a pending or proposed general layoff, the City shall review existing private contracts for work similar to that of the employees considered for layoff or dislocation. Unless a cost analysis shows substantial cost savings for those existing private contracts, the City will use its best efforts to bring the work performed under the private contract(s) back in house and the City shall use the displaced worker pool to keep workers employed while the City determines whether to bring such work back in house.
- G. Effective with the signing of this agreement, if privatization is undertaken as a substantial cost savings, the City Auditor or a mutually-selected independent outside auditor will conduct periodic post audit cost analysis to determine whether or not there continues to be substantial cost savings. Where there is not substantial cost savings, the City shall make its best efforts to bring the work back in house.

ARTICLE XXIX - CIVIL SERVICE – NO CONFLICT

Section 1. In the event that any portion of the forgoing contract shall be held in violation of any Federal or State Law or Regulation, or New Jersey Civil Service Rules and Regulations, those provisions shall be deleted from the contract and the balance of the contract shall remain in full force and effect as if said provision were not included within this contract, however, in conjunction with any provision in this agreement being removed as stated above, the Union and the City shall negotiate a new provision that will cover the Article that was found to be in violation of any Federal or State Law or Regulation, or New Jersey Civil Service Rules and Regulations. Negotiations shall only cover the Article that was to be removed for the violation. Such negotiations shall be under the rules and regulations of the Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC).

Section 2. It is intended that the administrative and procedural provisions of the New Jersey Civil Service Law and regulations are to be observed in the administration of this agreement where applicable, except and to the extent that such administrative and procedural provisions would violate or otherwise interfere with the enforcement of the terms set forth in this agreement.

Section 3. It is further understood that if there were to be a material change in the Civil Service Laws and or regulations after the collective negotiations agreement is executed, or if the City decides to no longer be a Civil Service jurisdiction that the administrative and procedural provisions of the Civil Service Laws and Regulations as set forth at the time of execution of this agreement shall continue in full force and effect and shall be part of this agreement until modified by the parties. The parties agree to meet and negotiate in good faith on provisions in the contract that mention or reference Civil Service Rules and Regulations. The parties to this agreement shall meet and discuss transition issues in the event that there is a decision by the governing body to seek to no longer be a Civil Service jurisdiction or if any provisions of Civil Service are waived. These meetings shall commence no later than 120 days prior to the date the City would no longer be a Civil Service jurisdiction if that date is known that far in advance, or within 30 days of when that date is known.

Section 4. In the event the New Jersey Civil Service eliminates or consolidates into a single title any job title which is currently in the bargaining unit and workers are placed into either an existing job title or a newly created job title, the employer agrees to negotiate over the wage rate of the job title(s) in which workers are placed if there is no wage rate to cover that particular title. Such negotiations will only be concerned with the wage rate for the newly created title and will have no effect on any existing rates in the salary scale. Additionally, in the event that two or more existing job titles which are currently paid at different rates are consolidated into one title, the pay rate of the affected employees shall be negotiated between the parties.

ARTICLE XXX-PAYMENT AFTER EXPIRATION OF CONTRACT

The parties agree that during the negotiation of a successor agreement and/or the expiration of an agreement all employees shall continue to receive any and all licensing fees and promotional increases. Upon ratification by both parties of the successor agreement any newly negotiated increases will then be applied retroactively to January 1 of the successor agreement.

ON THIS _____ day of _____, 2016

City of Sea Isle City
 CWA Foreman
 Wages 2015 - 2018

Wages 2015 (2%)

Job Title	Minimum	Maximum
Supervisor	69,758	85,768
General Supervisor	74,331	90,341

Wages 2016 (2%)

Job Title	Minimum	Maximum
Supervisor	71,153	87,483
General Supervisor	75,818	92,148

Wages 2017 (2%)

Job Title	Minimum	Maximum
Supervisor	72,576	89,233
General Supervisor	77,334	93,991

Wages 2018 (2%)

Job Title	Minimum	Maximum
Supervisor	74,028	91,018
General Supervisor	78,881	95,871

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective Council attested by their respective Representatives, on the day and year first above written:

CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY:

BY: Leonard C. Desiderio
Leonard C. Desiderio, Mayor

6/9/16
Date

Attest: Cindy L. Griffith
Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk

COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA:

BY: Adam Liebtog
Adam Liebtog, President

5/10/16
Date

BY: Anthony Tallarico
Anthony Tallarico, Administrative Assistant to the President

5.10.2016
Date

BY: James Gilbert
James Gilbert, Staff Representative

5/10/2016
Date

BY: James McAsey
James McAsey, CWA Int'l Representative

5/11/2016
Date

BARGAINING COMMITTEE:

BY: Mike Snyder
Mike Snyder

6-7-16
Date

BY: Dave Herman
Dave Herman

6-15-16
Date