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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 312720

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE OCT 31 2019

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AND SAN DIEGO MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (MEA) RELATED TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS) VOLUNTARY CORRECTION PROGRAM (VCP) FILING FOR THE CITY'S SUPPLEMENTAL PENSION SAVINGS PLAN (SPSP).

WHEREAS, by San Diego Resolution R-255609 (January 4, 1982), the San Diego City Council (Council) approved and established the Supplemental Pension Savings Plan (SPSP) for eligible employees; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 1992, the Council approved Resolution R-280703, which amended the SPSP to change its definition of "Compensation" to exclude all deferrals to the City's 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan (457 Plan) based on certain changes to the Internal Revenue Code's definition of "Compensation" for pension plan tax-qualification purposes; and

WHEREAS, in late 2018, the City determined that the 1992 amendment to the SPSP excluding 457 Plan deferrals from the definition of "Compensation" was discretionary and required a vote of the participants under section 9.01 of the SPSP plan document; and

WHEREAS, the City subsequently discovered no such vote of the participants occurred and, therefore, the 457 Plan deferrals should never have been excluded from the SPSP definition of "Compensation" due to the improperly adopted amendment; and

WHEREAS, to avoid any adverse tax consequences to the SPSP and its participants due to the improperly adopted amendment, the City's outside tax counsel recommended that the City submit a VCP filing to the IRS identifying the problem with the amendment and proposing a correction; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution R-310148 (December 16, 2015), the Council approved and ratified a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of San Diego (City) and the San Diego Municipal Employees Association (MEA), setting forth the terms and conditions of employment for MEA-represented employees for Fiscal Years 2017 through 2020 (MOU); and

WHEREAS, Article 51 of the MOU provides certain MEA-represented employees are eligible to participate in SPSP; and

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2019, the City's Negotiating Team met and conferred with the six recognized employee organizations and reached tentative agreement on July 8, 2019 to submit a VCP filing to the IRS regarding the SPSP; and

WHEREAS, the VCP filing provides that effective June 1, 2019, 457 Plan deferrals are included in the SPSP's definition of "Compensation"; and

WHEREAS, the City's VCP filing's proposed correction further provides the City will make missed Employer and Employee contributions to the SPSP retroactive to 2004 on all 457 Plan deferrals; and

WHEREAS, IRS correction procedures require the City to make 100% of missed Employer "matching" contributions, 50% of missed Employee mandatory contributions, and 40% of missed Employee voluntary contributions, plus interest on those contributions; and

WHEREAS, the City will deposit all missed contribution, plus interest, into a separate account under the SPSP for each affected participant; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement has been negotiated pursuant to the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act (MMBA) and Council Policy 300-06 and is subject to Council approval to take effect; and

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WHEREAS, the Council desires to approve and ratify the Agreement; NOW

THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that pursuant to the MMBA

and Council Policy 300-06, the Council approves and ratifies the Agreement between the City

and MEA, related to the IRS VCP filing for the SPSP, on file with the Office of the City Clerk as

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to expend

\$2.36 million plus earnings on missed contributions to the SPSP for the purpose of executing this

agreement contingent upon furnishing one or more certificates certifying that the funds necessary

for expenditure are, or will be, on deposit with the City Treasurer. The total amount is estimated

to be \$3.68 million based on preliminary earnings as of July 29, 2019 and is dependent on the

final earnings calculation which can be completed following IRS approval of the VCP filing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer is also authorized to pay

filing fees for the VCP application, which are estimated to be \$3,000.00

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