



**COMMISSION
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Item No. 6d

ACTION ITEM

Date of Meeting March 27, 2018

DATE: March 19, 2018

TO: Stephen P. Metruck, Executive Director

FROM: David Freiboth, Senior Director of Labor Relations
Matthew Bullock, Labor Relations Manager

SUBJECT: New collective bargaining agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 46, representing Electronic Technicians.

Total Port Cost Increase for the Duration of the Agreement: \$845,596

ACTION REQUESTED

Request Commission authorization for the Executive Director to execute a new collective bargaining agreement between the Port of Seattle and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 46, representing 54 Electronic Technicians assigned to the Port of Seattle Aviation Maintenance division, covering the period from June 1, 2017, through May 31, 2019.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Good faith bargaining between the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 46, and the Port of Seattle resulted in a fair collective bargaining agreement (CBA) consistent with the Port's priorities. This agreement is for two years covering the period from June 1, 2017, through May 31, 2019. The estimated total additional cost for wages and benefit increases is \$845,596. The estimated additional cost per year of the contract is: year one, \$304,332; and year two, \$541,263.

The cost is based upon a COLA Seattle/Tacoma/Bremerton CPI-U (0-6%) increase in wages in year one, and an increase of 3.0% in year two of the agreement. The pension contribution increases \$0.42 per hour in year one and \$0.25 per hour in year two and the annuity contribution is converted from a fixed dollar amount to a percent of wage. The increase to retirement contributions are offset by a 4.4% decrease in the Port's portion of the health insurance premium in year one of the agreement.

The sick leave provision of the agreement was modified to comply with new Washington State sick leave law effective January 1, 2018.

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JUSTIFICATION

The 54 Electronic Technicians in the bargaining unit comprise two groups. One group of 19 servicing the airport’s Satellite Transit System; the other group of 31 is responsible for maintaining a variety of electronic systems and underlying infrastructure.

Chapter 41.56 RCW requires the Port of Seattle to collectively bargaining wages, hours and conditions of employment with the exclusive bargaining representative designated by the employees.

DETAILS

Term of the Agreement

Retroactive to June 1, 2017, through May 31, 2019.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Wages

Classification	Service Time	Effective 6/1/17 COLA Seattle/Tacoma/Bremerton CPI-U (0-6%) (+3.7%)	Effective 6/1/18 Base Hourly Rate (+3.0%)
Journeyman	Entry	\$42.90	\$44.19
Journeyman	1+ years	\$47.67	\$49.10

Other Changes

- Modified non-discrimination provision to current Port standard.
- Incorporated Phone and Computer Consultation Overtime provision.
- Removed Variable Annuity provision which longer existed as a Union Trust Fund election.
- Incorporated the Port’s Paid Parental Leave Policy into the agreement.
- Modified Paid Time Off Cash Out provision to current Port standard.
- Modified Seniority provision to include Labor/Management committee to review bids for shift between shops.
- Increased footwear stipend from \$100 to \$150.

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Cost Impact \$	Year 1	Year 2
Pay	\$221,482	\$186,224
Benefits	\$82,850	\$50,706
Total	\$304,332	\$236,931

The estimated total additional cost to the Port of Seattle for the duration of the contract is \$845,596.

ATTACHMENTS TO THIS REQUEST

1. Collective Bargaining Agreement

PREVIOUS COMMISSION ACTIONS OR BRIEFINGS

None.