



**COMMISSION
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Item No. 8r

ACTION ITEM

Date of Meeting December 14, 2021

DATE: December 7, 2021

TO: Stephen P. Metruck, Executive Director

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

SUBJECT: New Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Port of Seattle and the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Local 9, Representing Aviation Operations Specialists

Total Port Cost Increase for the Duration of the Agreement: \$960,488

ACTION REQUESTED

Request Commission authorization for the Executive Director to execute a new collective bargaining agreement (CBA) between the Port of Seattle and the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Local 9, representing Airfield Operations Specialists and Senior Operations Controllers at the Port of Seattle covering the period from January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2023.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Good faith bargaining between the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Local 9, representing Airfield Operations Specialists and Senior Operations Controllers and the Port of Seattle resulted in a fair collective bargaining agreement consistent with Port's priorities.

There are currently thirty-one (31) Airfield Operations Specialists and Senior Operations Controllers employed at the Port of Seattle who are assigned to the Aviation Operations Department. Airfield Operations Specialists and Senior Operations Controllers provide centralized communication resource for monitoring and coordinating a variety of airfield activities that affect the safe, efficient and secure provision of services to passengers, tenants and customers in compliance with Federal Aviation Regulations.

This agreement is for a four-year period from January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2023. The estimated total additional cost for increase is \$960,488.

This agreement is for four years covering the period from January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2023. The estimated total additional cost for wages and benefit increases is \$960,488. The estimated additional cost per year of the contract is: year one, \$127,772; and year two, \$127,772;

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and year three \$305,400; and year four, \$399,543. The cost is based on an annual wage increases of 4.0% year 1, 0.0% year 2, CPI-U 0-6% + 0.5% year 3, and CPI-U 0-6% year four.

Other changes include alignment with both the Washington Paid Sick Leave Law and Paid Family Medical Leave and the deletion of language regarding mandatory Union membership in compliance with Federal law.

All other provisions in the collective bargaining agreement remain the same.

JUSTIFICATION

RCW Chapter 41.56 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 – January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2023.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Wages

Classification	Current Rate	Effective 1/1/20 Base Hourly Rate (4.0%)	Effective 1/1/21 Base Hourly Rate (0.0%)	Effective 1/1/22 Base Hourly Rate (CPI-U 0-6% + 0.5%)	Effective 1/1/23 Base Hourly Rate (CPI-U 0-6%)
Airfield Operations Specialists	\$35.54	\$37.30	\$37.30	\$39.54	\$TBD
Senior Operations Controllers	\$35.54	\$37.30	\$37.30	\$39.54	\$TBD

Wage

Employees annual wage increases of 4.0% year 1, 0.0% year 2, CPI-U 0-6% + 0.5% year 3, and CPI-U 0-6% year four for the term of the agreement.

Health and Welfare

Members of the bargaining group are currently enrolled in the Port of Seattle Benefit Plan.

Other Changes

- Incorporated Juneteenth holiday and additional personal holiday.
- Incorporated trainer status premium.

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- Increased footwear stipend increase.

Cost Impact \$	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Benefits	\$23,772	\$0	\$34,700	\$18,391
Total New Money	\$104,000	\$0	\$151,809	\$80,459
Total Cumulative Cost	\$127,772	\$127,772	\$305,400	\$399,543

The estimated total additional cost to the Port of Seattle for the duration of the contract is \$960,488.

ATTACHMENTS TO THIS REQUEST

1. Collective Bargaining Agreement

PREVIOUS COMMISSION ACTIONS OR BRIEFINGS

None.