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CITY FURLOUGH DAYS EXTENDED TO HELP SAVE MONEY

El Monte, Calif. – The El Monte City Council recently approved the extension of furlough days for two of its four bargaining units in order to save money during these current economic times.

The two bargaining units, consisting of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and the General Mid-Management Association, were originally mandated furlough days over the period of March 2009 to February 2010. However, at the March 23 council meeting the City Council agreed to extend that period through June 30, 2010. This extension of furlough days will save the City an estimated \$364,500.

“The sacrifice these City employees have taken has come at a great savings to the City of El Monte,” said Rene Bobadilla, City Manager. “We are very grateful to all those who have agreed to take furlough days and continue to thank them for the relief they have brought to El Monte and all its residents.”

Expected to save a significant amount of money for the City of El Monte, the two individual bargaining units were given similar requirements to their furloughs. The SEIU will see that each unit member take a four-hour furlough each week. Each unit member of the General Mid-Management Association, under the extended agreement, is required to take off seven unpaid furlough days during the period of March 1 through June 30.

Additionally, the El Monte Police Officers’ Association (EMPOA) and the Police Mid-Management Association (PMMA) were also asked to defer a percentage of salary to assist the city in saving money. Regarding the EMPOA, Sergeants, Helicopter Pilots and Community Relations Officers II will defer the most recent 1-percent additional salary adjustment. Upon the end of the City furlough on July 1, 2010, the deferred 1-percent salary adjustment will be reinstated. Under the Side Letter Agreement, this will affect 13 Sergeants, two Helicopter Pilots and one Community Relations Officer II.

Similarly, each unit member of the PMMA will defer the salary differential. For the purposes of the Side Letter Agreement, this will affect five lieutenants and three captains.

City furlough days extend through June 30, 2010 and will be effectively ended on July 1, 2010.

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