

Item # 13D

**City of Carson City
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: 06/13/07

Agenda Date Requested: 06/21/07

Time Requested: 5 minutes

To: Mayor and Supervisors

From: Linda Ritter, City Manager

Subject Title: Action to approve a cost of living increase for unclassified personnel, effective July 1, 2007, pursuant to Resolution 2001-R-6 as amended.

Staff Summary: Resolution 2001-R-6 provides for annual cost of living increases on July 1st of each year at an amount equal to CPI or equal to that amount included in negotiated labor contracts. Based upon current collective bargaining agreements and negotiations of open contracts to date, staff recommends a 3% cost of living adjustment effective July 1, 2007.

Type of Action Requested: (check one)

☐ Resolution

☐ Ordinance

☒ (XXX) Formal Action/Motion

☐ Other (Specify)

Does this action require a Business Impact Statement: () Yes (X) No

Recommended Board Action: I move to approve a cost of living increase for unclassified personnel, effective July 1, 2007, pursuant to Resolution 2001-R-6 as amended. Fiscal Impact - \$257,318.23, Funding Source - all operating funds.

Explanation for Recommended Board Action:

Other collective bargaining agreements are providing 3% salary adjustments for fiscal year 2006/2007. If like increases are not granted to unclassified staff, including management level staff, the compensation schedule will become compacted and recruiting issues may emerge as a result.

Applicable Statue, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation: Resolution 2001-R-6

Fiscal Impact: \$257,318.23

Explanation of Impact:

Funding Source: All Funds - included in 2007/2008 Budget

Alternatives: Approve a different level that meets the intent of Resolution 2001-R-6.

Supporting Material: Resolution 2001-R-6

Prepared By: L. Ritter

Reviewed By:

(City Manager)

(District Attorney)

(Finance Director)

Date:

6/13/07

Date:

6-12-07

Date:

6/12/7

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____

1) _____

2) _____

Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)

UNCLASSIFIED PERSONNEL FRINGE BENEFITS
APPROVED - JANUARY 2001 - BY BOS - RESOLUTION #2001 R6

SECTION I - UNCLASSIFIED APPOINTMENTS

Unclassified employees are persons appointed or approved for appointment to positions by the City Manager, with the Board of Supervisors approval. Except for: City Manager and Internal Auditor, who are solely appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Unclassified employees are "At Will" employees serving at the pleasure of the city. The employees covered by this resolution are listed on the following pages.

SECTION II - MANAGEMENT BENEFITS PLAN

A. HOLIDAYS

The following days shall be observed as legal holidays by all employees:

New Years Day (January 1st)
Presidents Day (3rd Monday in February)
Martin Luther King's Birthday (3rd Monday in January)
Memorial Day (Last Monday in May)
Independence Day (July 4th)
Labor Day (1st Monday in September)
Nevada Day (October 31st)
Veteran's Day (November 11th)
Thanksgiving Day (4th Thursday in November)
Family Day (Day after Thanksgiving)
Christmas Day (December 25th)

Any other day that the Government of the United States, State of Nevada or Carson City may declare a legal holiday.

When a designated holiday falls on a Saturday, the Friday before will be observed as the holiday and when the designated holiday falls on a Sunday, the Monday after will be observed as the holiday.

B. RETIREMENT

All Unclassified employees shall receive fully paid retirement while participating in the State of Nevada Public Employees Retirement System. The City shall adjust the Unclassified salaries in accordance with NRS 286. (Elected Officials that are retired employees under the Public Retirement System are not eligible for this benefit).

C. MEDICAL INSURANCE

The City shall pay 100% group medical insurance for all Unclassified employees, regardless of the insurance plan the employee chooses. Dependent coverage is offered at the employee's expense.

D. GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

All Unclassified employees shall receive \$10,000 basic life insurance and an additional \$25,000 basic life insurance benefit. The cost of this coverage is included in the group medical insurance plan and the cost is fully paid by the City.

E. SICK LEAVE

All Unclassified employees shall accrue ten (10) hours of sick leave each month, with unlimited accrual. Leave may be taken as it is accrued. NOTE: Elected officials do not accrue sick leave as they have unlimited use.

OPTION ONE: Upon death, retirement or resignation, after ten years of satisfactory service, employees or their beneficiaries shall receive compensation up to a maximum of 240 hours of unused sick leave based on a one hour for every three hours accrual. Formula: $33 \frac{1}{3}\%$ of 720 hours = 240 hours pay out, at the employees current hourly rate of pay.

OPTION TWO: Employees may elect, in writing, to utilize the 240 hours of accrued unused sick leave, at the current hourly rate of unadjusted pay, to make premiums for post-retirement group health insurance. Once elected the City's Finance Office will issue a non-cash, non-interest bearing account in the retiree's name, to which premiums will be paid to the current PERS post-retirement medical insurance program when it is due. The City will automatically debit the retiree's account with each monthly payment until the account is exhausted or when the retiree dies or becomes covered by another group or private health insurance policy or Medicare. Once the account is exhausted the retiree is liable for any future monthly premiums. The City will notify the employee at least one month in advance before the account is exhausted.

NOTE: If the retiree elects a cash payment, he/she waives the conversion of sick leave to pay for post-retirement health insurance premiums. If the retiree elects the post-retirement health insurance payment plan and converts the sick leave, he/she waives any cash payoff for accrued sick leave. The retiree must choose a payoff or premium payment, not both.

F. AMBULANCE

All employees and their dependents (husband, wives and children) will not be billed for any ambulance fees resulting from transport by the Carson City Fire Department, in excess of covered insurance billing. New employees must sign up upon hire. Existing employees must sign up prior to the beginning of the next fiscal year. This benefit shall exist only so long as the Fire Department offers the program.

G. DISABILITY INSURANCE

Employees shall be eligible to participate in a group disability plan at a 50% split payment between employee and employer. Effective after six months from date of employment.

H. ANNUAL LEAVE

All Unclassified full-time employees who have worked from 0 to 5 years will accrue ten (10) hours per month. Leave may be taken as it is accrued. After five years of continuous employment, an employee shall accrue fourteen (14) hours per month, with a proportional amount for each uncompleted month. A maximum of 300 hours may be carried forward from year to year. Any exception must be pre-approved by the City Manager.

NOTE: Elected officials do not accrue annual leave as they have unlimited use.

I. MANAGEMENT LEAVE

Unclassified employees, depending on the category, shall receive forty (40) hours of management leave during each fiscal year and a proportional amount for each incomplete year. All unused management leave shall be deleted from the employee's account as of June 30th of each year and no compensation shall be paid for unused management leave.

1. Employees in the following categories shall earn five (5) days or (40) hours of management leave per fiscal year.

- a. Appointed Department Heads
- b. Appointed Division Heads
- c. Public Safety Personnel
- d. Mid-management

2. Employees in the following category will not be eligible for management leave, as they shall earn overtime, with the Department Heads approval, at straight time.

- a. Confidential employees, see attached list.

J. HEALTH EXAMINATIONS

All Unclassified employees shall be eligible for a City paid physical examination every twenty four (24) months if under forty (40) years of age. Employees over forty will be eligible every twelve months. The total cost is not to exceed three hundred (\$300) dollars per fiscal year. Those employees required by statute to have an annual physical examination shall be eligible for a yearly benefit.

K. RANGES

All Unclassified employees will be paid within the established pay range; the range will be adjusted minimally by the CPI on July 1st of each year or the negotiated contract of the employees they supervise. Employees may request a pay range table from the Personnel Office.

L. PERFORMANCE PAY

All Unclassified employees may receive increases for work performance upon the recommendation of their supervisor or their appointive authority at a maximum of seven and one half percent (7.5%) per year until they reach top of range. Employees who have been topped out more than one year may receive a \$300.00 one time bonus for above standard and \$500 for excellent performance, based on annual performance review.

M. SALARY INCREASES

The City Manager and/or appointive authority will review with the Board of Supervisors, on a fiscal year basis, the appropriateness of a salary increase and/or bonus for Unclassified personnel.

N. TEMPORARY DUTY PAY

When a qualified Unclassified employee is assigned to a higher rank, said employee shall receive an additional ten (10%) percent of his/her base wage for the higher rank being filled.

O. EXEMPT EMPLOYEES - FLSA GUIDELINE

The following categories are exempt from overtime:

- a. Elected Officials
- b. Appointed Department/Division Heads
- c. Mid-management
- d. Public Safety

To ensure continued compliance with the decision in Absire vs Kern County, the following will be added:

- a. All Unclassified employees assigned to the above categories shall not receive overtime. If such employee is absent for less than one day, with Department Head approval, the employee shall not be required to use annual, sick or administrative leave for said absence, nor will the employees salary be adjusted.
- b. Confidential employees will be eligible for straight time overtime with the Department Heads approval prior to the overtime occurrence. See attached list for Confidential employees.

P. OVERALL BENEFITS

Carson City has always offered these benefits, (just not in this agreement). Employees are eligible for the following benefits:

- a. Workers Compensation
- b. Mileage
- c. Salary Deductions - Automatic/Direct Deposit payments.
- d. Repair or replacement of personal property, if damaged, lost or destroyed, while performing job related duties.
- e. Military Leave
- f. Maternity/Paternity leave
- g. Bereavement leave

CATEGORY OF EMPLOYEES

a. ELECTED

Mayer
Supervisor (4)
Clerk Recorder
Assessor
District Attorney
Treasurer
Sheriff
Justice of the Peace (2)

b. APPOINTED DEPARTMENT/DIVISION HEADS

City Manager
Deputy City Manager
Chief Deputy District Attorney (2)
Development Services Manager
City Engineer
Community Development Director
Park & Recreation Director
Director of Finance/Comptroller/Risk Manager
Supervising District Attorney
Utility Operations Manager
Senior Projects Manager
Street Operations Manager
Library Director
Personnel Manager
Information Services Manager
Chief Building Official
Internal Auditor
Health Director
Principal Planner/Redevelopment Director
Senior Citizen Director

c. APPOINTED PUBLIC SAFETY POSITIONS

Fire Chief
Undersheriff
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer
Chief Deputy Sheriff
Assistant Fire Chief
Special Master
Juvenile Service Program Coordinator
Court Administrator
Intelligence Officer
Chief of Facility Security
Assistant Chief of Facility Security
Alternative Sentencing Coordinator
Chief of Alternative Sentencing

d. APPOINTED MID-MANAGEMENT POSITIONS

Administrative Assistant I
Administrative Assistant II
Chief Deputy District/Jury
Deputy Director, Purchasing/Contracts
Deputy District Attorney I, II, & III, VI (6)
Deputy Health Director
Deputy Library Director (2)
Open Space Manager
Park Superintendent
Park Planner
Recording Secretary to BOS
Senior Engineer (3)
Senior Engineer/RTC
Senior Planner I
Senior Planner II (1)
Senior Projects Manager
Senior Service Manager
Street Operations Chief
Sewer Operations Chief

e. APPOINTED CONFIDENTIAL POSITIONS

Positions eligible for overtime at straight time.
Judicial Assistant (2)
Court Reporters (2)
Law Clerk/Bailiff (2)
District Court Bailiff (2)
Bailiff/JP (2)
Justice Court Judicial Assistant
Office Manager/Paralegal
Warrants Officer
Assistant Chief of Alternative Sentencing
Justice Court Technician

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 5/21/87

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