

Meet & Confer Agreement Highlights

Presentation To Mayor and City Council
September 10, 2024
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Key Dates in Time Line:

November 30, 2023 Negotiations began

August 20, 2024 Contract highlights presented to City Council

September 5, 2024 All Articles have been tentatively agreed to by the POA and the City

September 11, 2024 POA Begins Ratification meetings and voting

September 16, 2024 POA Advises of Ratification

September 17, 2024 City Council to consider M&C approving the contract

September 30, 2024 Current contract expires

October 1, 2024 Expected effective date



Key Initiatives

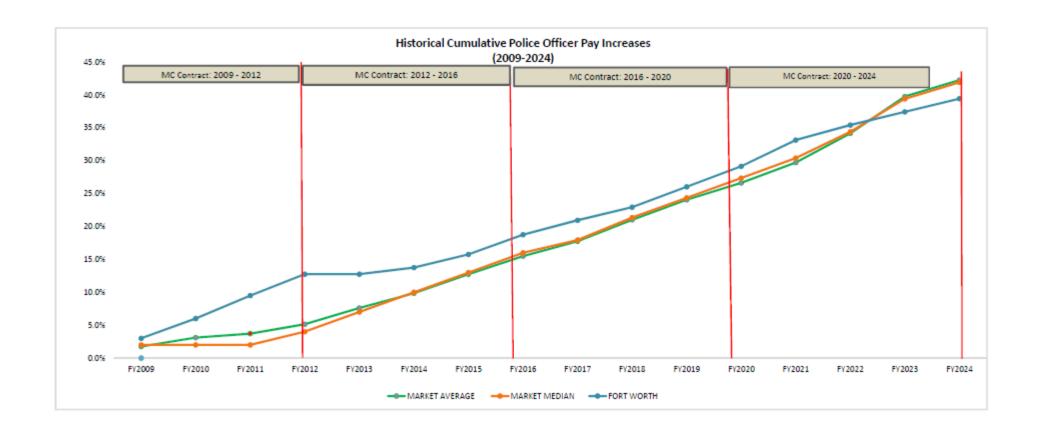
- ➤ Art. 4: Added a second position on full release to the Association for Association business
- ➤ Art. 7: Shorten time to conduct hearings of disciplinary appeals
- ➤ Art. 10: Make progress in bringing police officer pay closer to market median
- ➤ Art. 11: Police Officer Age increase 45 to 50 at time of application
- ➤ Art. 14: Physical Incentive paid when Officer passes physical test, not annually in September

- ➤ Art. 15: Promotion Criteria reduced from 4 years to 3 years for Corporal
- ➤ Art. 15: Promotion Criteria reduced from 3 to 2 years for Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain
- ➤ Art. 19: Holiday Observed Juneteenth
- ➤ Art. 21: Defined certain positions for civilians and removed defined minimum qualifications on Crime Specialist and other positions
- ➤ Art. 27: 4 year Contract Meet & Confer Agreement (Expires 09/3/2028 with one-year evergreen period)
- ➤ Lateral Hires may apply to promote following 2 years from Commission Date with Fort Worth



Article 10 – Wages - Historical

Police Officer Historical Wage Wage Increases 2009 - 2024





Article 10 – Wages - Historical Review

- Current labor market for Police Officers:
 - Nationally and in Texas the market has become very competitive post COVID and the summer of 2020
- Most cities in Texas do not have a labor agreement:
 - Cities have more flexibility to change salaries for their Police Officers vs. having an agreement in place
- During the current agreement:
 - Fort Worth Police Officer entry pay has dropped from 2% below market median (in 2019) to 13+% below market median (in 2024)
 - Lifetime earnings for Police Officers ranking dropped in comparison to the market.

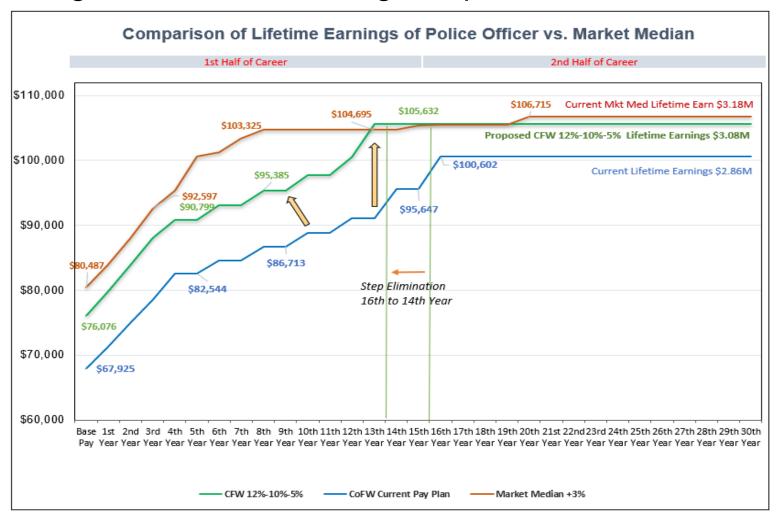


Article 10 – Wages

- For FY 2025 (Year1):
 - > Steps 1-4, on 10/1/2024: 12% increase;
 - ➤ Steps 5-8, on 10/1/2024: 10% increase;
 - ➤ Eliminate current step 9; New Step 9 (current step 10) on 10/01/2024
 - ➤ New Step 9 (current step 10), 5% increase on 10/1/2024
 - ➤ New step 10 (current step 11), 5% increase on 10/1/2024
- For FY 2026 FY 2028 (Years 2 4)
 - ➤ Steps 1-8, 3% across the board (ATBs) in all ranks effective 1st pay period beginning January 2026, January 2027, and January 2028
 - ➤ Steps 9-10, 4% yr2, 5% yr3, 5% yr4 ATBs in all ranks effective 1st pay period beginning January 2026, January 2027, and January 2028



Article 10 – Wages – Life time earning comparisons to market





The Cost of Contract

Proposed Yr 1 Police Salary Pan: 12% Steps 1-4, 10% Steps 5-8, 5% Steps 9 and 10 with current Step 9 Elimination		\$ Costs Year 1 (FY 2025-2026)		\$ Costs Year 2 (FY 2026-2027)		\$ Costs Year 3 (FY 2027-2028)		\$ Costs Year 4 (FY 2028-2029)		\$ TOTAL Costs 4 Years
Base Salaries as of September 30		\$	221,558,082	\$	240,123,447	\$	248,491,641	\$	258,385,411	
Annual Increased Cost of Contract		\$	18,565,365	\$	8,368,194	\$	9,893,770	\$	10,313,316	\$ 47,140,645
Total Annual Base Salary		\$	240,123,447	\$	248,491,641	\$	258,385,411	\$	268,698,727	
Annual Costs by Fund	General Fund	\$	15,687,733	\$	7,071,124	\$	8,360,236	\$	8,714,752	\$ 39,833,845
	CCPD @ 15.5%	\$	2,877,632	\$	1,297,070	\$	1,533,534	\$	1,598,564	\$ 7,306,800



Market Competitiveness Pay Strategies - General Employees

FY2022

- 6% Average Increase to Base Pay
 - 4% Pay for Performance (P4P) (up to 7%)
 - Plus 2% (up to 3%)
 - Base pay increases up to 10% in FY22

FY2023

- 4% P4P (up to 7%)
- 6.5% (up to 9.5%) for Hard to Fill Positions

FY2024

• 4% P4P (up to 7%)



Next Steps

- ➤POA ratifies agreement (upon agreement by majority vote of members)
- ➤ Mayor and Council to approve Agreement September 17, 2024
- ➤ Ordinance(s) updated as needed
- ➤ New Pay Rates effective October 2024



Questions