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CITY COUNCIL RATIFIES COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

Humboldt City Council has ratified the collective agreement with the Union that represents the majority of employees with the City. Council voted in favor of ratification Monday evening based on recommendations from Council members who took part in the negotiations.

The agreement will cover the years of 2005-2007 and contains an increase of 7.5% over the life of the contract, also included is the reclassification of a few positions.

“We are satisfied with the agreement that has been ratified by Council and Union members”, said Mayor Dennis Korte. “This contract was hanging over us for awhile and I am happy that we can move forward.”

The City and Union had been operating without an agreement in place; the previous contract had expired on December 31, 2004.

“The contract contains compromise from both parties,” stated City Manager Tom Goulden. “Negotiations started slowly and I need to give credit to the members of the Union negotiating committee for their willingness to look for common sense solutions to some of the issues.”

This agreement will govern relations between the two parties until December 31, 2007.

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