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CITY REACHES TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH POLICE OFFICERS Membership to vote May 21; Council to consider agreement May 26

The City of Vacaville has reached a tentative agreement with the Vacaville Police Officers Association to reduce employee costs during the current fiscal crunch.

The agreement was reached early Wednesday afternoon. VPOA members will meet to vote on the agreement May 21, with results of that vote expected May 25. The Vacaville City Council will then consider approval of the agreement at its May 26 meeting.

"I'm happy we were able to reach an agreement with our police officers," Interim City Manager Laura Kuhn said. "The City and the Vacaville Police Officers Association worked very hard to achieve a workable solution for both parties. We believe this agreement will maintain our current level of safety while at the same time help the City financially."

If approved, the agreement calls for savings to the City of approximately \$1.4 million. The savings are achieved through a combination of staffing reductions and pay concessions.

On Tuesday evening, the City Council approved agreements with seven of the groups representing City employees for a total of \$4.5 million in savings. Should the agreement with VPOA be approved by its members and the council, savings would increase to \$6 million over the next two fiscal years.

While discussions are scheduled today, the City has not reached an agreement with the Local 39 Operating Engineers.

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Agreements approved on May 12 call for City Hall to close on the first Friday of every month, with June 5 being the first official closure. Some operations, such as police, fire and utilities require 24-hour-a-day operations, making closures impossible in those areas.

“The efforts of all our employees in helping the City deal with this financial crisis are commendable,” Kuhn said. “It shows what a great organization we have here in Vacaville.”

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